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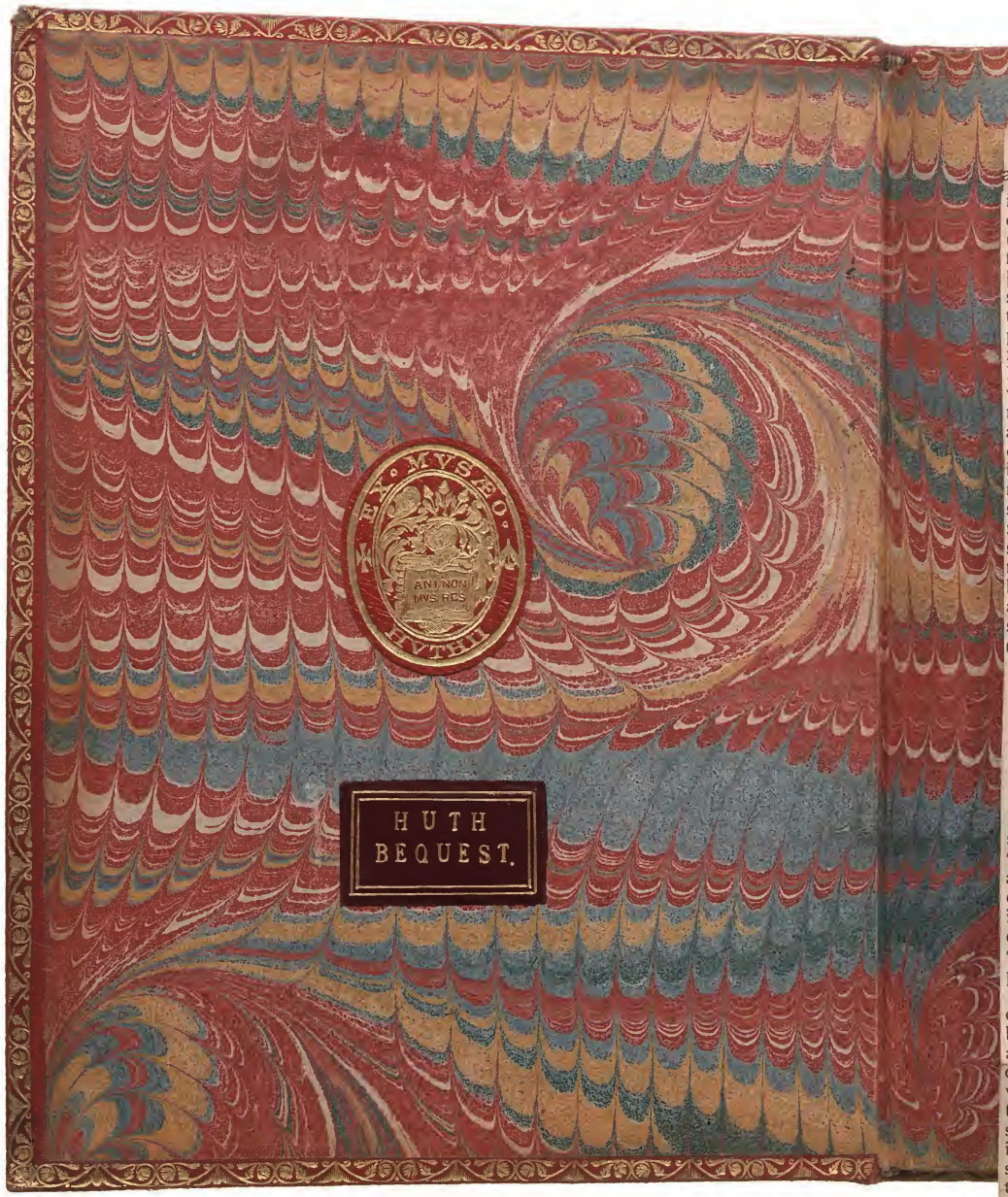

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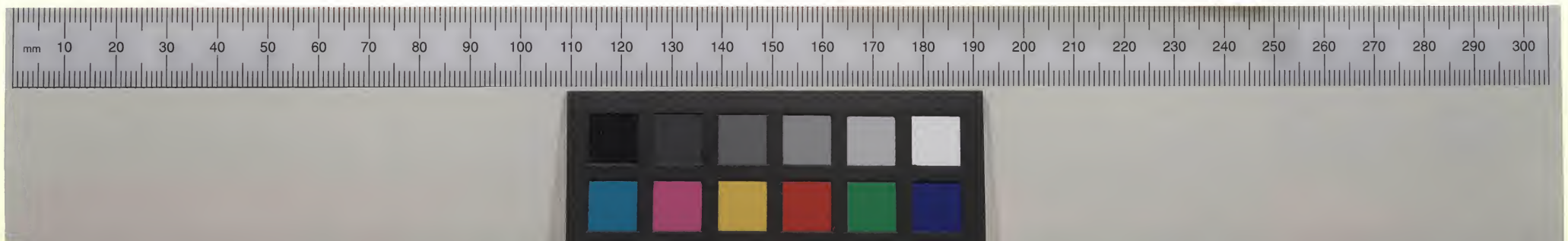
That copies of the folio of 1623 vary here and there has long been known, and it was the intention of the Cambridge editors to note all such variations in their footnotes; but my attention has been recently called to an instance of the kind which escaped their scrutiny, and which, so far as I am aware, no editor or commentator has pointed out. It is in 'The Taming of the Shrew,' ii. 1. 201, where Staunton's photographic facsimile of the folio and Booth's reprint both read 'Women are made to beare, and so are you,' while the Chatto and Windus facsimile (photographic) and Paterson's reprint have 'beate' for 'beare.' That the latter is the corrected reading is evident from the context.

The volume of the *revised* Cambridge edition containing this play is not yet published. — *The Critic. N. York. 13 July 91.*



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"King Richard 2: Valentine Simmes for Andrew Wise, 1597, of most excessive rarity.. In no collection of which I am aware: not even in that of Mr. Heber..."

Dr. Dibdin, who is so often incorrect touching the first quartos of Shakspere, (he gives to Sir Francis Freeling the 4.to King Lear printed by "Nathaniel Butter, and are to be sold at his shop in St. Paul's &c.". (viz the first) when the worthy Baronet had only a very indifferent copy of the 2.nd and to Mr. Heber the first edition of Romeo and Juliet instead of the 2.nd: to say nothing of his assertion that the 2.nd edition of Venus and Adonis bears the date of 1596 instead of 1594; and of his calling the edition of 1602 the 3.rd instead of the 4.th &c &c —) Dr. Dibdin is in the above statement perfectly right.... This edition of Richard 2.nd is Unique, .. George Daniel: 1847.. but (I believe) for a copy in ye library of ye Earl of Ellesmere.... Canonbury....

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THE Tragedie of King Richard the second.

As it hath beene publikely acted by the right Honourable the Lorde Chamberlaine his Seruants. By W. Shakespear

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Printed by Valentine Simmes for Androw Wise, and are to be sold at his shop in Paules church yard at the signe of the Angel.
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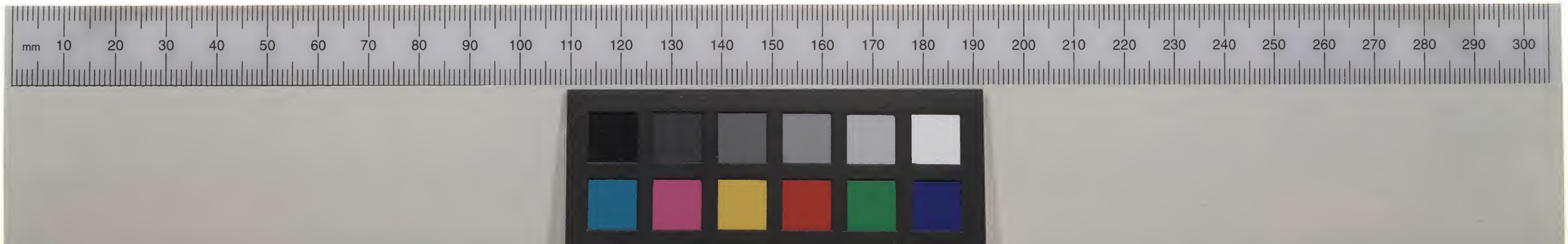

ENTER KING RICHARD, IOHN
OF GAVNT, WITH OTHER
Nobles and attendants.

King Richard.

OVld Iohn of Gaunt time honoured Lancaſter,
Haſt thou according to thy oath and bande
Brought hither Henrie Herford thy bolde ſonne,
Here to make good the boiſtrous late appeale.
Which then our leyſure would not let vs heare
Againſt the Duke of Norfolke, Thomas Moubray?
Gaunt. I haue my Leige.
King. Tell me moreouer haſt thou ſounded him,
If he appeale the Duke on ancient malice,
Or worthily as a good ſubiect ſhould
On ſome knowne ground of treacherie in him.
Gaunt. As neere as I could ſift him on that argument,
On ſome apparent daunger ſeene in him,
Aimde at your highnes, no inueterate malice.
King. Then call them to our preſence face to face,
And frowning brow to brow our ſelues will heare,
The accuſer and the accuſed freely ſpeake:
High ſtomackt are they both and full of ire,
In rage, deafe as the ſea, haſtie as fire.

Enter Bullingbrooke and Mowbray.

Bulling. Manie yeares of happie daies befall,
My gratious ſoueraigne my moſt louing liege.

Mowb. Each day ſtill better others happines,
Vntill the heauens enuying earths good hap,
Adde an immortall title to your Crowne.
King. We thanke you both, yet one but flatters vs,
As well appeareth by the cauſe you come,
Namely to appeale each other of high treaſon:
Coosin of Herford, what doſt thou obiect
Againſt the Duke of Norffolke Thomas Mowbray?
Bull. Firſt, heauen be the record to my ſpeech,
In the deuotion of a ſubiects loue,
Tendring the pretious ſafetie of my Prince,
And free from other misbegotten hate,
Come I appellant to this princely preſence.
Now Thomas Mowbray do I turne to thee,
And marke my greeting well: for what I ſpeake
My body ſhall make good vpon this earth,
Or my diuine ſoule anſwer it in heauen:
Thou art a traitour and a miſcreant,
Too good to be ſo, and too bad to liue,
Since the more faire and criſtall is the skie,
The vglier ſeemie the cloudes that in it flie:
Once more, the more to aggrauate the note,
With a foule traitors name ſtuffe I thy throte,
And wiſh (ſo pleaſe my Soueraigne) ere I moue,
What my tong ſpeaks, my right drawen ſword may proue.
Mow. Let not my cold wordes here accuſe my zeale,
Tis not the triall of a womans warre,
The bitter clamour of two eger tongues
Can arbitrate this cauſe betwixt vs twaine,
The bloud is hote that muſt be coold for this,
Yet can I not of ſuch tame patience boaſt,
As to be huiſht, and naught at all to ſay.
Firſt the faire reuerence of your Highneſſe curbs me,
From giuing reines and ſpurres to my free ſpeech,
Which elſe would poſt vntill it had returnd,
Theſe termes of treaſon doubled downe his throat:
Setting aſide his high bloods royaltie,

And let him be no kinſman to my Liege,
I do defie him, and I ſpit at him,
Call him a ſlaunderous coward, and a villaine,
Which to maintaine, I would allow him ods,
And meete him were I tied to runne afoote,
Euen to the frozen ridges of the Alpes,
Or any other ground inhabitable,
Where euer Engliſhman durſt ſet his foote,
Meane time, let this defend my loyaltie,
By all my hopes moſt falſly doth he lie.
Bull. Pale trembling coward there I throw my gage,
Diſclaiming here the kinred of the King,
And lay aſide my high bloudes royaltie,
Which Feare, not Reuerence makes thee to except.
If guilty dread haue left thee ſo much ſtrength,
As to take vp mine honours pawne, then ſtowpe,
By that, and all the rites of Knighthoode elſe,
Will I make good againſt thee arme to arme,
What I haue ſpoke, or thou canſt worſe deuiſe.
Mow. I take it vp, and by that ſword I ſweare,
Which gently laid my Knighthood on my ſhoulder,
Ile anſwer thee in any faire degree,
Or chiualrous deſigne of knightly triall:
And when I mount, aliue may I not light,
If I be traitor or vniuſtly fight.
King. What doth our coſin lay to Mowbraies charge?
It muſt be great that can inherit vs,
So much as of a thought of ill in him.
Bul. Looke what I ſpeake, my life ſhall proue it true,
That Mowbray hath receiude eight thouſand nobles
In name of Lendings for your Highnes ſouldiours,
The which he hath detaind for lewd imployments,
Like a falſe traitour, and iniurious villaine:
Beſides I ſay, and will in battle proue,
Or here, or elſewhere to the furtheſt Verge
That euer was ſurueyed by Engliſh eye,
That all the treaſons for theſe eighteene yeares,

Complotted and contriued in this land:
Fetch from falſe Mowbray their firſt head and ſpring.
Further I ſay and further will maintaine
Vpon his bad life to make all this good,
That he did plotte the Duke of Glocesters death,
Suggeſt his ſoone beleeuing aduerſaries,
And conſequently like a traitour coward,
Sluete out his innocent ſoule through ſtreames of bloud,
Which bloud, like ſacrificing Abels cries,
Euen from the toungleſſe Cauernes of the earth,
To me for iuſtice and rough chaſtiſement:
And, by the glorious worth of my deſcent,
This arme ſhall do it, or this life be ſpent.
King. How high a pitch his reſolution ſoares,
Thomas of Norfolke what ſaiſt thou to this?
Mowb. Oh let my ſoueraigne turne awaie his face,
And bid his eares a little while be deafe.
Till I haue tolde this ſlaunder of his bloud,
How God and good men hate ſo foule a lier.
King. Mowbray impartiall are our eies and eares.
Were he my brother, nay, my kingdomes heire,
As he is but my fathers brothers ſonne,
Now by ſcepters awe I make a vowe,
Such neighbour neerenes to our ſacred bloud
Should nothing priuiledge him nor partialize
The vnſtooping firmneſſe of my vpright ſoule,
He is our ſubiect Mowbray ſo art thou,
Free ſpeech and feareleſſe I to thee allowe.
Mowb. Then Bullingbrooke as lowe as to thy heart
Through the falſe paſſage of thy throate thou lieſt,
Three partes of that receipte I had for Callice,
Disburſt I duely to his highneſſe ſouldiers,
The other part reſerude I by conſent,
For that my ſoueraigne liege was in my debt.
Vpon remainder of a deare account:
Since laſt I went to France to fetch his Queene:
Now ſwallow downe that lie. For Glocesters death,

I ſlew

I ſlewe him not but to my owne diſgrace,
Neglected my ſworne duety in that caſe:
For you my noble Lord of Lancaſter,
The honourable father to my foe,
Once did I lay an ambuſhe for your life,
A treſpaſſe that doth vex my grieued ſoule:
But ere I laſt receiude the Sacrament,
I did confeſſe it, and exactly begd
Your graces pardon, and I hope I had it.
This is my fault, as for the reſt appeald
It iſſues from the rancour of a villaine,
A recreant and moſt degenerate traitour,
Which in my ſelfe I boldly will defende,
And enterchangeably hurle downe my gage
Vpon this ouerweening traitors foote,
To proue my ſelfe a loyal Gentleman,
Euen in the beſt bloud chamberd in his boſome.
In haſte wherof moſt hartily I pray
Your highnes to aſsigne our triall day.
King. Wrath kindled gentleman be ruled by me,
Lets purge this choler without letting bloud,
This we preſcribe though no Phiſition,
Deepe malice makes too deepe inciſion,
Forget, forgiue, conclude and be agreed,
Our doctors ſay, this is no month to bleede:
Good Vncle let this ende where it begonne,
Weele calme the Duke of Norfolke, you your ſonne.
Gaunt. To be a make-peace ſhal become my age,
Throw downe (my ſonne) the Duke of Norfolkes gage.
King. And Norfolke throw downe his.
Gaunt. When Harry? when obedience bids,
Obedience bids I ſhould not bid againe.
King. Norfolke throw downe we bid, there is no boote.
Mow. My ſelfe I throw dread ſoueraigne at thy foote,
My life thou ſhalt command, but not my ſhame,
The one my duety owes, but my faire name
Deſpight of death that liues vpon my graue,

To

To darke dishonours vse thou shalt not haue:
I am disgraste, impeacht, and baffuld heere,
Pierst to the soule with Slaunders venomd speare,
The which no balme can cure but his heart bloud
Which breathde this poyson.
King. Rage must be withstoode,
Giue me his gage; Lions make Leopards tame.
Mowb. Yea but not change his spots: take but my shame,
And I resigne my gage, my deare deare Lord,
The purest treasure mortall times afford,
Is spotlesse Reputation that away
Men are but guilded loame, or painted clay.
A iewell in a ten times bard vp chest,
Is a bold spirit in a loyall breast:
Mine honour is my life, both grow in one,
Take honour from me, and my life is done:
Then (deare my Liege) mine honour let me trie,
In that I liue, and for that will I die.
King. Coosin, throw vp your gage, do you beginne.
Bull. O God defend my soule from such deepe sinne,
Shall I seeme Crest-fallen in my fathers sight?
Or with pale beggar-feate impeach my height,
Before this out-darde Dastard? ere my tong
Shall wound my honour with such feeble wrong,
Or sound so base a parlee, my teeth shall teare
The slauish motiue of recanting feare,
And spit it bleeding in his high disgrace,
Where Shame doth harbour euen in Mowbraies face.
King. We were not borne to sue, but to commaund,
Which since we cannot do, to make you friends,
Be ready as your liues shall answere it,
At Couentry vpon saint Lamberts day,
There shall your swords and launces arbitrate
The swelling difference of your setled hate,
Since we cannot atone you, we shall see
Iustice design the Victors chiualrie,
Lord Marshal, commaund our Officers at Armes

Be ready to direct these home allarmes. *Exit.*

Enter Iohn of Gaunt With the Duchesse of Glocester.

Gaunt Alas, the part I had in Woodstockes bloud,
Doth more sollicite me than your exclaimes,
To stirre against the butchers of his life.
But since correction lieth in those hands,
Which made the fault that we cannot correct:
Put we our quarrell to the will of heauen,
Who when they see the houres ripe on earth,
Will raine hot vengeance on offenders heads.
Duchesse Findes brotherhood in thee no sharper spurre?
Hath loue in thy old bloud no liuing fire?
Edwards seuen sonnes whereof thy selfe art one,
Were as seuen viols of his sacred bloud,
Or seuen faire branches springing from one roote:
Some of those seuen are dried by natures course,
Some of those branches by the Destinies cut:
But *Thomas* my deare Lord, my life, my Glocester,
One violl full of Edwards sacred bloud,
One flourishing branch of his most royall roote
Is crackt, and all the precious liquor spilt,
Is hackt downe, and his summer leaues all faded
By Enuies hand, and Murders bloudy axe.
Ah Gaunt, his bloud was thine, that bed, that womb,
That mettall, that selfe mould, that fashioned thee
Made him a man: and though thou liuest and breathest,
Yet art thou slaine in him, thou doost consent
In some large measure to thy fathers death,
In that thou seest thy wretched brother die,
Who was the modell of thy fathers life:
Call it not patience Gaunt, it is dispaire,
In suffring thus thy brother to be slaughtred,
Thou shewest the naked pathway to thy life,
Teaching sterne Murder how to butcher thee:
That which in meane men we intitle Patience,
Is pale cold Cowardice in noble breasts.

What ſhall I ſaie? to ſafegard thine owne life,
The beſt way is to venge my Gloceſters death.
Gaunt Gods is the quarrell for Gods ſubſtitute,
His deputy annointed in his ſight,
Hath cauſd his death, the which if wrongfully,
Let heauen reuenge, for I may neuer lift
An angry arme againſt his miniſter.
Duch. Where then may I complaine my ſelfe?
Gaunt To God the widdowes Champion and defence,
Duch. Why then I will; farewell olde Gaunt,
Thou goeſt to Couentry, there to behold
Our Cooſen Hereford and ſell Mowbray fight.
O ſet my husbands wronges on Herefords ſpeare,
That it may enter butchers Mowbraies breſt:
Or if miſfortune miſſe the firſt carier,
Be Mowbraies ſinnes ſo heauy in his boſome
That they may breake his foming courſers backe,
And throw the rider headlong in the liſtes,
A caitiue recreant to my Cooſen Hereford,
Farewell old Gaunt, thy ſometimes brothers wife,
With her companion Griefe muſt end her life.
Gaunt Siſter farewell, I muſt to Couentry,
As much good ſtay with thee, as go with me.
Duch. Yet one word more, griefe boundeth where is fals,
Not with the emptines, hollownes, but weights
I take my leaue before I haue begone,
For ſorrow endes not when it ſeemeth done:
Commend me to thy brother Edmund Yorke,
Lo th s is all: nay yet depart not ſo,
Though this be al, doe not ſo quickly go:
I ſhall remember more: Bid him, ah what?
With all good ſpeede at Plaſhie viſite me,
Alacke and what ſhall good olde Yorke there ſee,
But empty lodgings and vnfurniſht wals,
Vnpeopled offices, vntrodden ſtones,
And what cheere there for welcome but my grones?
Therfore commend me, let him not come there,

To ſeeke out ſorrow that dwels euery where,
Deſolate deſolate will I hence and die:
The laſt leaue of thee takes my weeping eie. *Exeunt.*

Enter Lord Marſhall and the Duke Aumerle.

Mar. My Lord Aumerle is Harry Herford armde?
Aum. Yea at all points, and longs to enter in.
Mar. The Duke of Norfolke ſprightfully and bold,
Staies but the ſummons of the appellants trumpet.
Aum. Why then the Champions are prepard and ſtay
For nothing but his maieſties approach.
The trumpets ſound and the King enters with his nobles; when they are ſet, enter the Duke of Norfolke in armes defendant.
King Marſhall demaunde of yonder Champion,
The cauſe of his arriuall here in armes,
Aske him his name, and orderly proceede
To ſweare him in the iuſtice of his cauſe.
Mar. In Gods name and the Kings ſay who thou art,
And why thou comeſt thus knightly clad in armes,
Againſt what man thou comſt and what thy quarell,
Speake truly on thy knighthoode, and thy oth,
As ſo defend the heauen and thy valour.
Mow. My name is Thomas Mowbray Duke of Norfolke,
Who hither come ingaged by my oath,
(Which God defende a Knight ſhould violate)
Both to defend my loyalty and truth,
To God, my King, and my ſucceeding iſſue,
Againſt the Duke of Herford that appeales me,
And by the grace of God, and this mine arme,
To proue him in defending of my ſelfe,
A traitour to my God, my King, and me,
And as I truely fight, defend me heauen.

The trumpets ſound. Enter Duke of Hereford appellant in armour.
King Marſhall aske yonder Knight in armes,

Both who he is, and why he commeth hither,
Thus plated in habiliments of warre,
And formally according to our lawe,
Depose him in the iustice of his cause.
Mar. What is thy name? and wherfore comst thou hither?
Before king Richard in his royall lists,
Against whom comes thou? and whats thy quarrell?
Speake like a true Knight, so defend thee heauen.
Bul. Harry of Herford, Lancaster and Darbie
Am I, who ready here do stand in Armes
To proue by Gods grace, and my bodies valour
In lists, on *Thomas Mowbray* Duke of Norffolke,
That he is a traitour foule and dangerous,
To God of heauen, king Richard and to me:
And as I truely fight, defend me heauen.
Mar. On paine of death, no person be so bold,
Or daring, hardy, as to touch the listes,
Except the Martiall and such officers
Appoynted to direct these faire designes.
Bul. Lord Martiall, let me kisse my Souereignes hand,
And bow my knee before his Maiestie,
For Mowbray and my selfe are like two men,
That vow a long and wearie pilgrimage,
Then let vs take a ceremonious leaue,
And louing farewell of our seuerall friends.
Mar. The appellant in all duety greetes your Highnes,
And craues to kisse your hand, and take his leaue.
King We will descend and fold him in our armes,
Cosin of Herford, as thy cause is right,
So be thy fortune in this royall fight:
Farewell my bloud, which if to day thou shead,
Lament we may, but not reuenge the dead.
Bul. O let no noble eie prophane a teare
For me, if I be gorde with Mowbraies speare:
As confident as is the Falcons flight
Against a bird, do I with Mowbray fight.
My louing Lord, I take my leaue of you:

Of you (my noble cousin) Lord Aumarle,
Not sicke although I haue to do with death,
But lusty, yong and cheerely drawing breth:
Loe, as at English feasts so I regreet
The daintiest last, to make the end most sweet.
Oh thou the earthly Authour of my bloud,
Whose youthfull spirite in me regenerate
Doth with a two-fold vigour lift me vp,
To reach at Victory aboue my head:
Adde proofe vnto mine armour with thy prayers,
And with thy blessings steele my launces point,
That it may enter Mowbraies waxen cote,
And furbish new the name of Iohn a Gaunt,
Euen in the lustie hauiour of his sonne.
Gaunt. God in thy good cause make thee prosperous,
Be swift like lightning in the execution,
And let thy blowes doubly redoubled,
Fall like amazing thunder on the caske
Of thy aduerse pernitious enemy,
Rowze vp thy youthfull bloud, be valiant and liue.
Bul. Mine innocence and saint George to thriue.
Mowb. How euer God or Fortune cast my lot,
There liues or dies true to King Richards throne,
A loyall, iust, and vpright Gentleman:
Neuer did captiue with a freer heart
Cast off his chaines of bondage, and embrace
His golden vncontrould enfranchisment,
More than my dauncing soule doth celebrate
This feast of battle with mine aduersarie,
Most mighty Liege, and my companion Peeres,
Take from my mouth the wish of happy yeeres,
As gentle, and as iocund as to iest
Go I to fight, truth hath a quiet brest.
King Farewell (my Lord) securely I espie,
Vertue with Valour couched in thine eie,
Order the triall Martiall, and beginne.
Mart. Harry of Herford, Lancaster and Darby,

Receiue thy launce, and God defend the right.
Bul. Strong as a tower in hope I cry, Amen.
Mart. Go beare this lance to Thomas Duke of Norfolke.
Herald Harry of Herford, Lancaster, and Darby
Stands here, for God, his soueraigne, and himselfe,
On paine to be found false and recreant,
To proue the Duke of Norfolke Thomas Mowbray
A traitor to God, his king, and him,
And dares him to set forward to the fight.
Herald 2 Here standeth Thomas Mowbray D. of Norfolk
On paine to be found false and recreant.
Both to defend himselfe, and to approue
Henry of Hereford, Lancaster, and Darby,
To God, his soueraigne, and to him disloyall,
Courageously, and with a free desire,
Attending but the signall to beginne.
Mart. Sound trumpets, and set forward Combatants:
Stay, the king hath throwen his warder downe.
King. Let them lay by their helmets, and their speares,
And both returne backe to their chaires againe,
Withdraw with vs, and let the trumpets sound,
While we returne these dukes what we decree.
Draw neere and list
What with our counsell we haue done:
For that our kingdomes earth should not be soild
With that deare bloud which it hath fostered:
And for our eies do hate the dire aspect
Of cruell wounds plowd vp with neighbours sword,
And for we thinke the Egle-winged pride
Of skie-aspiring and ambitious thoughts,
With riuall hating enuy set on you
To wake our peace, which in our Countries cradle
Draw the sweet infant breath of gentle sleepe,
Which so rouzde vp with boistrous vntunde drummes,
With harsh resounding trumpets dreadfull bray,
And grating shocke of harsh resounding armes,
Might from our quiet confines fright faire Peace,

And make vs wade euen in our kinreds bloud,
Therefore we banish you our territories:
You cousin Hereford vpon paine of life,
Til twice fiue summers haue enricht our fields,
Shall not regreete our faire dominions,
But treade the stranger paths of banishment.
Bul. Your will be done; this must my comfort be,
That Sunne that warmes you here, shall shine on me,
And those his golden beames to you heere lent,
Shall point on me, and guilde my banishment.
King Norfolke, for thee remaines a heauier doome,
Which I with some vnwillingnesse pronounce,
The sie slow houres shall not determinate
The dateles limite of thy deere exile,
The hopeles word of neuer to returne,
Breathe I against thee, vpon paine of life.
Mowb. A heauy sentence, my most soueraigne Liege,
And all vnlookt for from your Highnesse mouth,
A deerer merit not so deepe a maime,
As to be cast forth in the common ayre
Haue I deserued at your Highnesse hands:
The language I haue learnt these forty yeeres,
My natiue English now I must forgo,
And now my tongues vse is to me, no more
Than an vnstringed violl or a harpe,
Or like a cunning instrument casde vp,
Or being open, put into his hands
That knowes no touch to tune the harmonie:
Within my mouth you haue engaold my tongue,
Doubly portculist with my teeth and lippes,
And dull vnfeeling barren ignorance
Is made my Gaoler to attend on me:
I am too olde to fawne vpon a nurse,
Too far in yeeres to be a pupill now,
What is thy sentence but speechlesse death?
Which robbes my tongue from breathing natiue breath.
King It bootes thee not to be compassionate,

After our ſentence plaining comes too late.
Mow. Then thus I turne me from my countries light,
To dwel in ſolemne ſhades of endleſſe night.
King. Returne againe, and take an othe with thee,
Lay on our royall ſword your baniſht hands,
Sweare by the duty that y'owe to God,
(Our part therein we baniſh with your ſelues,)
To keepe the oath that we adminiſter:
You neuer ſhall, ſo helpe you truth and God,
Embrace each others loue in baniſhment,
Nor neuer looke vpon each others face,
Nor neuer write, regreete, nor reconcile
This lowring tempeſt of your home-bred hate,
Nor neuer by aduiſed purpoſe meete,
To plot, contriue, or complot any ill,
Gainſt vs, our ſtate, our ſubiects, or our land.
Bul. I ſweare.
Mow. And I, to keepe al this.
Bul. Norffolke, ſo fare as to mine enemy:
By this time, had the King permitted vs,
One of our ſoules had wandred in the aire,
Baniſht this fraile ſepulchre of our fleſh,
As now our fleſh is baniſht from this land,
Confeſſe thy treaſons ere thou flie the realme,
Since thou haſt far to go, beare not along
The clogging burthen of a guiltie ſoule.
Mow. No Bullingbrooke, if euer I were traitour,
My name be blotted from the booke of life,
And I from heauen baniſht as from hence:
But what thou art, God, thou, and I, do know,
And al too ſoone (I feare) the King ſhall rew:
Farewell (my Liege) now no way can I ſtray,
Saue backe to England al the worlds my way. *Exit.*
King. Vncle, euen in the glaſſes of thine eyes,
I ſee thy grieued heart: thy ſad aſpect
Hath from the number of his baniſht yeeres
Pluckt ſoure away, ſixe frozen winters ſpent,

Returne

Returne with welcome home from baniſhment.
Bull. How long a time lies in one little word,
Foure lagging winters and foure wanton ſpringes,
End in a word, ſuch is the breath of Kinges.
Gaunt. I thanke my liege that in regard of me,
He ſhortens foure yeares of my ſonnes exile,
But little vantage ſhall I reape thereby:
For eare the ſixe yeares that he hath to ſpend
Can change their moones, and bring their times about,
My oile-dried lampe, and time bewaſted light
Shall be extint with age and endleſſe nightes,
My inch of taper will be burnt and done,
And blindfold Death not let me ſee my ſonne.
King: Why Vncle thou haſt many yeares to liue.
Gaunt. But not a minute King that thou canſt giue,
Shorten my daies thou canſt with ſullen ſorrowe,
And plucke nights from me, but not lend a morrow:
Thou canſt helpe time to furrow me with age,
But ſtoppe no wrinckle in his pilgrimage:
Thy word is currant with him for my death,
But dead, thy kingdome cannot buy my breath.
King. Thy ſonne is baniſht vpon good aduiſe,
Whereto thy tong a party verdict gaue,
Why at our iuſtice ſeemſt thou then to lowre?
Gaunt. Things ſweet to taſte, prooue in digeſtion ſowre.
You vrgde me as a iudge, but I had rather,
You would haue bid me argue like a father:
Oh had't beene a ſtranger, not my child,
To ſmooth his fault I ſhould haue beene more milde:
A partial ſlaunder ſought I to auoide,
And in the ſentence my owne life deſtroyed:
Alas, I lookt when ſome of you ſhould ſay,
I was too ſtrict to make mine owne away:
But you gaue leaue to my vnwilling tongue,
Againſt my will to do my ſelfe this wrong.
King. Cooſen farewel, and Vncle, bid him ſo,
Sixe yeares we baniſh him and he ſhall go. *Exit.*

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Au. Cosin farewel, what presence must not know,
From where you doe remaine let paper shew.
Mar. My Lord, no leaue take I, for I will ride
As farre as land will let me by your side.
Gaunt. Oh to what purpose doest thou hoard thy words,
That thou returnest no greeting to thy friends?
Bull. I haue too few to take my leaue of you,
When the tongues office should be prodigall,
To breathe the abundant dolor of the heart.
Gaunt. Thy griefe is but thy absence for a time.
Bull. Ioy absent, griefe is present for that time.
Gaunt. What is sixe winters? they are quickly gone.
Bul. To men in ioy, but griefe makes one hower ten.
Gaun. Call it a trauaile that thou takst for pleasure.
Bul. My heart will sigh when I miscall it so,
Which findes it an inforced pilgrimage.
Gaun. The sullen passage of thy weary steps,
Esteeme as foyle wherein thou art to set,
The precious Iewell of thy home returne.
Bul. Nay rather euery tedious stride I make,
Will but remember me what a deale of world:
I wander from the Iewels that I loue.
Must I not serue a long apprentilhood,
To forreine passages, and in the end,
Hauing my freedome, boast of nothing else,
But that I was a iourneyman to griefe.
Gaun. All places that the eie of heauen visits,
Are to a wiseman portes and happie hauens:
Teach thy necessity to reason thus,
There is no vertue like necessity,
Thinke not the King did banish thee.
But thou the King: Woe doth the heauier sit,
Where it perceiues it is but faintly borne:
Go, say I sent thee foorth to purchase honour,
And not the King exilde thee; or suppose,
Deuouring pestilence hangs in our aire,
And thou art flying to a fresher clime:

Looke what thy soule holds deare, imagine it
To lye that way thou goest, not whence thou comst:
Suppose the singing birds musitions,
The grasse whereon thou treadst, the presence strowd,
The flowers, faire Ladies, and thy steps, no more
Then a delightfull measure or a dance,
For gnarling sorrow hath lesse power to bite,
The man that mocks at it, and sets it light.
Bul. Oh who can hold a fier in his hand,
By thinking on the frosty Caucasus?
Or cloy the hungry edge of appetite,
By bare imagination of a feast?
Or wallow naked in December snow,
By thinking on fantasticke sommers heate?
Oh no, the apprehension of the good,
Giues but the greater feeling to the worse:
Fell sorrowes tooth doth neuer rankle more,
Then when he bites, but launceth not the soare.
Gaun. Come come my sonne Ile bring thee on thy way,
Had I thy youth and cause, I would not stay.
Bul. Then Englands ground farewell, sweet soile adiew,
My mother and my nurse that beares me yet,
Where eare I wander boast of this I can,
Though banisht, yet a true borne English man. *Exeunt.*

Enter the King with Bushie, &c at one dore, and the Lord Aumarle at another.

King We did obserue. Cosen Aumarle,
How far brought you high Hereford on his way?
Aum. I brought high Herford, if you call him so,
But to the next high way, and there I left him.
King And say, what store of parting teares were shed?
Aum. Faith none for me, except the Northeast winde,
Which then blew bitterly against our faces,
Awakt the sleeping rhewme, and so by chance
Did grace our hollow parting with a teare.

King What said our cousin, when you parted with him?

Aum. Farewel, & for my hart disdained that my tongue
Should so prophane the word that taught me craft,
To counterfaite oppression of such griefe,
That words seemd buried in my sorrowes graue:
Marry would the word Farewel haue lengthned howers,
And added yeares to his short banishment,
He should haue had a volume of farewels:
But since it would not, he had none of me.

King. He is our Coosens Coosin, but tis doubt,
When time shall call him home from banishment,
Whether our kinsman come to see his friends.
Our selfe and Bushie,
Obserued his courtship to the common people,
How he did seeme to dive into their harts,
With humble and familiar courtesie,
What reuerence he did throw away on slaues,
Wooing poore craftsmen with the craft of smiles,
And patient vnder-bearing of his fortune,
As twere to banish their affects with him,
Off goes his bonnet to an oysterwench,
A brace of draimen bid, God speed him wel,
And had the tribute of his supple knee,
With thankes my countreymen my louing friendes,
As were our England in reuersion his,
And he our subiects next degree in hope.

Greene. Wel, he is gone, and with him go these thoughts.
Now for the rebels which stand out in Ireland,
Expedient mannage must be made my liege,
Ere further leysure yeeld them further meanes,
For their aduantage and your highnes losse.

King. VVe will our selfe in person to this warre,
And for our coffers with too great a court,
And liberall larges are growen some what light,
VVe are inforst to farm our royall Realme.
The reuenew whereof shall furnish vs,
For our affaires in hand if that come short,

Our substitutes at home shall haue blanke charters,
Whereto, when they shal know what men are rich,
They shal subscribe them for large summes of gold,
And send them after to supply our wants,
For we will make for Ireland presently.

Enter Bushie with newes.

Bush. Olde Iohn of Gaunt is grieuous sicke my Lord,
Sodainely taken, and hath sent post haste,
To intreate your Maiestie to visite him.

King Where lies he?

Bush. At Ely house.

King Now put it (God) in the Physitions mind,
To help him to his graue immediatly:
The lining of his coffers shall make coates
To decke our souldiers for these Irish warres.
Come gentlemen, lets all go visite him,
Pray God we may make haste and come too late,
Amen *Exeunt.*

Enter Iohn of Gaunt sicke, with the duke of Yorke, &c.

Gaunt. Wil the King come that I may breathe my last?
In holsome counsell to his vnstaied youth.

Yorke Vex not your selfe, nor striue not with your breath,
For all in vaine comes counsell to his eare.

Gaunt. Oh but they say, the tongues of dying men,
Inforce attention like deepe harmony:
Where words are scarce they are seldome spent in vaine,
For they breathe truth that breathe their wordes in paine:
He that no more must say, is listened more
Than they whom youth and ease haue taught to glose,
More are mens ends markt than their liues before:
The setting Sunne, and Musike at the close,
As the last taste of sweetes is sweetest last,
Writ in remembrance more than things long past,
Though Richard my liues counsell would not heare,
My deaths sad tale may yet vndeafe his eare.

Yorke No, it is stopt with other flattering soundes,

As praiſes of whoſe taſte the wiſe are found
Laſciuious meeters, to whoſe venome ſound
The open eare of youth doth alwayes liſten.
Report of faſhions in proude Italie,
Whoſe maners ſtill our tardy apiſh nation
Limps after in baſe imitation:
Where doth the world thruſt forth a vanitie,
So it be new, theres no reſpect how vile,
That is not quickly buzde into his eares?
Then all too late comes Counſell to be heard,
Where will doth mutiny with wits regard:
Direct not him whoſe way himſelfe wil chuſe.
Tis breath thou lackſt, and that breath wilt thou looſe:
Gaunt Me thinkes I am a prophet new inſpirde,
And thus expiring do foretell of him.
His raſh fierce blaze of ryot cannot laſt:
For violent fires ſoone burne out themſelues.
Small ſhoures laſt long, but ſodaine ſtormes are ſhort:
He tires betimes that ſpurs too faſt betimes
With eagre feeding foode doth choke the feeder,
Light vanitie inſatiate cormorant,
Conſuming meanes ſoone praies vpon it ſelfe:
This royall throne of Kings, this ſceptred Ile,
This earth of maieſtie, this ſeate of Mars,
This other Eden, demy Paradice,
This fortreſſe built by Nature for her ſelfe,
Againſt infection and the hand of warre,
This happy breede of men, this little world,
This precious ſtone ſet in the ſiluer ſea,
Which ſerues it in the office of a wall,
Or as moate defenſiue to a houſe,
Againſt the enuie of leſſe happier lands.
This bleſſed plot, this earth, this realme, this England,
This nurſe, this teeming wombe of royall Kings,
Feard by their breed, and famous by theyr byrth,
Renowned for theyr deedes as far from home,
For chriſtian ſeruice, and true chiualry,

As is the ſepulchre in ſtubburne Iewry,
Of the worlds ranſome bleſſed Maries ſonne:
This land of ſuch deare ſoules, this deere deere land,
Deare for her reputation through the world,
Is now leaſde out; I dye pronouncing it,
Like to a tenement or pelting Farme.
England bound in with the triumphant ſea,
Whoſe rockie ſhoare beates backe the enuious ſiege
Of watry Neptune, is now bound in with ſhame,
With inckie blots, and rotten parchment bonds:
That England that was wont to conquer others,
Hath made a ſhamefull conqueſt of it ſelfe:
Ah would the ſcandall vaniſh with my life,
How happy then were my enſuing death?
Yorke The King is come, deale mildely with his youth,
For young hot colts being ragde, do rage the more.

Enter king and Queene, &c.

Queene How fares our noble vncle Lancaſter?
King What comfort man? how ſt with aged Gaunt?
Gaunt O how that name befits my compoſition!
Old Gaunt indeede, and gaunt in being olde:
Within me Griefe hath kept a tedious faſt.
And who abſtaines from meate that is not gaunt?
For ſleeping England long time haue I watcht,
Watching breedes leaneneſſe, leaneneſſe is all gaunt:
The pleaſure that ſome fathers feede vpon
Is my ſtrict faſt; I meane my childrens lookes,
And therein faſting haſt thou made me gaunt:
Gaunt am I for the graue, gaunt as a graue,
Whoſe hollow wombe inherites naught but bones.
King Can ſicke men play ſo nicely with their names?
Gaunt No miſery makes ſport to mocke it ſelfe,
Since thou doſt ſeeke to kill my name in me,
I mocke my name (great King) to flatter thee.
King Should dying men flatter with thoſe that liue?
Gaunt No no, men liuing flatter thoſe that die.

King

King. Thou now a dying sayest thou flatterest me.
Gaunt. Oh no, thou diest, though I the sicker be.
King. I am in health, I breathe, and see thee ill.
Gaunt. Now he that made me knowes I see thee ill.
Ill in my selfe to see, and in thee, seeing ill,
Thy death-bed is no lesser than thy land,
Wherein thou liest in reputation sicke,
And thou too careleſſe pacient as thou art
Committ'st thy annoynted body to the cure
Of those Physitions that first wounded thee,
A thousand flatterers sit within thy Crowne,
Whose compasse is no bigger than thy head,
And yet inraged in so small a verge,
The waste is no whit lesser than thy land:
Oh had thy grandsire with a Prophets eie,
Seene how his sonnes sonne should destroy his sonnes,
From forth thy reach he would haue laid thy shame,
Deposing thee before thou wert possest,
Which art possest now to depose thy selfe:
Why cousin wert thou regent of the world,
It were a shame to let this land by lease:
But for thy world enioying but this land,
Is it not more than shame to shame it so?
Landlord of England art thou now not, not King,
Thy state of lawe is bondslaue to the lawe,
And thou
King. A lunatike leane-witted foole,
Presuming on an agues priuiledge,
Darest with thy frozen admonition
Make pale our cheeke, chasing the royall bloud
With furie from his native residence.
Now by my seates right royall maiestie,
Wert thou not brother to great Edwards sonne,
This tong that runnes so roundly in thy head,
Should runne thy head from thy vnreuerent shoulders.
Gaunt Oh spare me not my brothers Edwards sonne,
For that I was his father Edwards sonne,

That

That bloud already like the Pellican,
Hast thou tapt out and drunkenly carowst,
My brother Gloceſter plaine well meaning soule,
Whom faire befall in heauen mongst happy soules,
May be a president and witnes good:
That thou respectst not spilling Edwards bloud:
Ioine with the present sicknes that I haue,
And thy vnkindnes be like crooked age,
To crop at once a too long withered flower,
Liue in thy shame, but die not shame with thee,
These words hereafter thy tormentors be,
Convay me to my bed then to my graue,
Loue they to liue that loue and honour haue.

Exit.

King And let them die that age and sullens haue,
For both hast thou, and both become the graue.
Yorke I doe beseech your Maiesty, impute his words
To waiward sicklines and age in him,
He loues you on my life, and holdes you deere,
As Harry Duke of Hereford were he here.
King Right, you say true, as Herefords loue, so his
As theirs, so mine, and all be as it is. (iestie.
North. My liege, old Gaunt commends him to your Ma-
King What saies he?
North. Nay nothing, all is said:
His tongue is now a stringleſſe instrument,
Words, life, and al, old Lancaster hath spent.
Yorke Be Yorke the next that must be bankrout so,
Though death be poore, it ends a mortall wo.
King The ripest fruit first fals, and so doth he,
His time is spent, our pilgrimage must be;
So much for that. Now for our Irish wars,
We must supplant those rough rugheaded kernes,
Which liue like venome, where no venome else,
But onely they haue priuiledge to liue.
And for these great affaires do aske some charge,
Toward, our assistance we doe seaze to vs:

The

The plate, coine, reuenewes, and moueables
Whereof our Vnckle Gaunt did ſtand poſſeſt.
Yorke How long ſhal I be patient? ah how long
Shall tender duty make me ſuffer wrong?
Not Gloceſters death, nor Herefords baniſhment,
Nor Gauntes rebukes, nor Englands priuate wrongs,
Nor the preuention of poore Bullingbrooke,
About his mariadge, nor my owne diſgrace,
Haue euer made me ſower my patient cheeke,
Or bende one wrinckle on my ſoueraignes face:
I am the laſt of noble Edwards ſonnes,
Of whom thy father Prince of Wales was firſt
In warre was neuer Lyon ragde more fierce,
In peace was neuer gentle lambe more milde,
Then was that young and princely Gentleman:
His face thou haſt, for euen ſo lookt he,
Accompliſht with a number of thy howers;
But when he frowned it was againſt the french,
And not againſt his friends: his noble hand
Did win what he did ſpende, and ſpent not that
Which his triumphant fathers hand had wonne:
His hands were guilty of no kinred bloud,
But bloudie with the enemies of his kinne:
Oh Richard: Yorke is too far gone with griefe,
Or elſe he neuer would compare betweene.
King Why Vnckle whats the matter?
Yorke Oh my liege, pardone me if you pleaſe,
If not I pleaſd not to be pardoned, am content with all,
Seeke you to ſeaze and gripe into your hands
The roialties and rights of baniſht Hereford:
Is not Gaunt dead? and doth not Hereford liue?
Was not Gaunt iuſt? and is not Harrie true?
Did not the one deſerue to haue an heire?
Is not his heire a well deſeruing ſonne?
Take Herefordes rightes away, and take from time
His charters, and his cuſtomarie rightes;
Let not to morrow then enſue to daie:
Be not thy ſelfe. For how art thou a King

But by faire ſequence and ſucceſſion?
Now afore God God forbidde I ſay true,
If you doe wrongfully ſeaze Herefords rightes,
Call in the letters patents that he hath
By his attourneies generall to ſue
His liuery, and deny his offred homage,
You plucke a thouſand dangers on your head,
You looſe a thouſand well diſpoſed hearts,
And pricke my tender patience to thoſe thoughts,
Which honour, and alleageance cannot thinke.
King Thinke what you wil, we ceaſe into our hands
His plate, his goods, his money and his landes.
Yorke Ile not be by the while, my liege farewell,
What will enſue hereof thers none can tell:
But by bad courſes may be vnderſtood
That their euents can neuer fall out good. *Exit.*
King Go Buſhie to the Earle of Wiltſhire ſtraight,
Bid him repaire to vs to Ely houſe,
To ſee this buſines: to morrow next
We will for Ireland, and tis time I trow,
And we create in abſence of our ſelfe,
Our Vnckle Yorke Lord gouernour of England;
For he is iuſt, and alwaies loued vs well:
Come on our Queene, to morrow muſt we part,
Be merry, for our time of ſtaie is ſhort.

Exeunt King and Queene: Manet North.

North. Well Lords, the Duke of Lancaſter is dead.
Roſſe And liuing to, for now his ſonne is Duke.
Will. Barely in title, not in reuenewes.
North. Richly in both if iuſtice had her right.
Roſſe My heart is great, but it muſt breake with ſilence,
Eart be disburdened with a liberall tongue.
North. Nay ſpeake thy mind, & let him nere ſpeake more
That ſpeakes thy words againe to doe thee harme. (ford?
Wil. Tends that thou wouldſt ſpeake to the Duke of Her-
If it be ſo, out with it boldly man,
Quicke is mine eare to heare of good towards him.

Rosse No good at all that I can doe for him,
Vnlesse you call it good to pitty him,
Bereft, and gelded of his patrimony.
North. Now afore God tis shame such wrongs are borne,
In him a royall Prince and many mo,
Of noble bloud in this declining land,
The King is not himselfe, but basely led
By flatterers, and what they will informe,
Meerely in hate gainst any of vs all,
That will the King seuerely prosecute,
Gainst vs, our liues, our children, and our heires.
Rosse The commons hath he pild with grieuous taxes,
And quite lost their hearts. The nobles hath he finde,
For ancient quarrels and quite lost their hearts.
Willo. And daily new exactions are deuisde,
As blankes, beneuolences, and I wot not what:
But what a Gods name doth become of this?
North. Wars hath not wasted it, for warrde he hath not,
But basely yeelded vpon compromise,
That which his noble auncestors atchiued with blowes,
More hath he spent in peace then they in wars.
Rosse The Earle of Wiltshire hath the realme in farme.
Will. The King growen bankrout like a broken man,
North. Reproch and dissolution hangeth ouer him.
Rosse He hath not money for these Irish wars,
His burthenous taxations notwithstanding,
But by the robbing of the banisht Duke.
North. His noble kinsman most degenerate King,
But Lords we heare this fearefull tempest sing,
Yet seeke no shelter to auoid the storme:
We see the wind sit sore vpon our sailes,
And yet we strike not, but securely perish.
Rosse We see the very wracke that we must suffer,
And vnauoided is the danger now
For suffering so the causes of our wracke.
North. Not so, euen through the hollow eies of death,
I spie life peering but I dare not say,

How neere the tidings of our comfort is.
Wil. Nay let vs share thy thoughts as thou dost ours.
Rosse Be confident to speake Northumberland
We three are but thy selfe, and speaking so
Thy words are but as thoughts, therefore be bold.
North. Then thus, I haue from le Port Blan
A Bay in Brittaine receiude intelligence,
That Harry duke of Herford, Rainold L. Cobham
That late broke from the Duke of Exeter
His brother, archbishop late of Canterburie,
Sir Thomas Erpingham, sir Iohn Ramston,
Sir Iohn Norbery, sir Robert Waterton, and Francis Coines;
All these well furnished by the Duke of Brittaine
With eight tall shippes, three thousand men of warre,
Are making hither with all due expedience,
And shortly meane to touch our Northerne shore:
Perhaps they had ere this, but that they stay
The first departing of the King for Ireland.
If then we shall shake off our slauish yoke,
Impe out our drowping countries broken wing,
Redeeme from Broking pawne the blemisht Crowne,
Wipe off the dust that hides our Scepters guilt,
And make high Maiestie looke like it selfe,
Away with me in post to Rauenspurgh:
But if you faint, as fearing to do so,
Stay, and be secret, and my selfe will go.
Rosse To horse, to horse, vrge doubts to them that feare.
Willo. Holde out my horse, and I will first be there.

Exeunt.

Enter the Queene, Bushie, Bagot.

Bush. Madam, your maiestie is too much sad,
You promist, when you parted with the King,
To lay aside life-harming heauines,
And entertaine a cheerefull disposition.
Queene To please the king I did, to please my selfe
I cannot do it; yet I know no cause
Why I should welcome such a guest as Griefe,

Saue bidding farewell to so sweete a guest,
As my sweete Richard: yet agayne me thinkes
Some vnborne sorrow ripe in Fortunes wombe,
Is comming towardes me and my inward soule,
With nothing trembles, at something it grieues,
More then with parting from my Lord the King.
Bushie Each substance of a griefe hath twenty shadowes,
Which shewes like griefe it selfe, but is not so:
For Sorrowes eyes glazed with blinding teares,
Diuides one thing entire to many obiects,
Like perspectiues, which rightly gazde vpon
Shew nothing but confusion; eyde awry,
Distinguish forme: so your sweet maiestie,
Looking awry vpon your Lords departure,
Finde shapes of griefe more than himselfe to waile,
Which lookt on as it is, is naught but shadows
Of what it is not; then thrice (gracious Queene)
More then your Lords departure weep not, more is not seene
Or if it be, tis with false Sorrowes eye,
Which for things true, weepes things imaginarie.
Queene It may be so; but yet my inward soule
Perswades me it is otherwise: how ere it be,
I cannot but be sad: so heauie sad,
As thought on thinking on no thought I thinke,
Makes me with heauy nothing faint and shrinke.
Bush. Tis nothing but conceit my gratious Lady.
Queene Tis nothing lesse: conceit is still deriude,
From some forefather griefe, mine is not so,
For nothing hath begot my something griefe,
Or something hath the nothing that I grieue,
Tis in reuersion that I do possesse,
But what it is that is not yet knowen what,
I cannot name, tis nameless woe I wot.
Greene God saue your maiesty, and well met Gentlemen,
I hope the King is not yet shipt for Ireland.
Queene Why hopest thou so? tis better hope he is,
For his designes craue haste, his haste good hope:
Then wherefore dost thou hope he is not shipt? *Greene*

Greene That he our hope might haue retirde his power,
And driuen into despaire an enemies hope,
Who strongly hath set footing in this land:
The banisht Bullingbrooke repeales himselfe,
And with vplifted armes is safe ariude at Rauenspurgh.
Queene Now God in heauen forbid.
Greene Ah Madam! tis too true, and that is worse:
The lord Northumberland, his son yong H. Percie,
The lords of Rosse, Beaumond, and Willoughby,
With all their powerful friends are fled to him.
Bush. Why haue you not proclaimd Northumberland
And al the rest reuolted faction, traitours?
Greene We haue, whereupon the earle of Worcester
Hath broken his Staffe, resignd his Stewardship,
And al the household seruants fled with him to Bullingbrook
Queene So Greene, thou art the midwife to my woe,
And Bullingbrooke my sorowes dismall heire,
Now hath my soule brought forth her prodigie,
And I a gasping new deliuerd mother,
Haue woe to woe, sorow to sorow ioynde
Bushie Dispaire not Madam.
Queene Who shall hinder me?
I will dispaire and be at enmitie
With cousening Hope, he is a flatterer,
A parasite, a keeper backe of Death,
Who gently would dissolue the bands of life,
VVhich false Hope lingers in extremitie.
Greene Here comes the Duke of Yorke.
Queene VVith signes of war about his aged necke,
Oh ful of carefull busines are his lookes!
Vncle, for Gods sake speake comfortable wordes.
Yorke Should I do so I should bely my thoughts,
Comfort's in heauen, and we are on the earth,
VVhere nothing liues but crosses, cares and griefe:
Your husband, he is gone to saue far off,
VVhilst others come to make him loose at home:
Heere am I left to vnderprop his land,

VVho

Who weake with age cannot ſupport my ſelfe,
Now comes the ſicke houre that his ſurfet made,
Now ſhall he trie his friends that flatterd him.
Seruingman My Lord, your ſon was gone before I came.
Yorke He was; why ſo go all which way it will:
The nobles they are fled, the commons they are colde,
And will (I feare) reuolt on Herefords ſide.
Sirra, get thee to Plaſhie to my ſiſter Glocester,
Bid her ſend me preſently a thouſand pound,
Hold take my ring.
Seruingman My Lord, I had forgot to tel your Lordſhip:
To day as I came by I called there,
But I ſhall grieue you to report the reſt.
Yorke What iſt knaue?
Seruingman An houre before I came the Dutcheſſe died.
Yorke God for his mercy, what a tide of woes
Comes ruſhing on this wofull land at once!
I know not what to do: I would to God,
(So my vntruth had not prouokt him to it)
The King had cut off my head with my brothers.
What are there no Poſts diſpatcht for Ireland?
How ſhal we do for money for theſe wars?
Come ſiſter, couſin I would ſay, pray pardon me:
Go fellow get thee home, prouide ſome cartes,
And bring away the armour that is there.
Gentlemen, will you go muſter men?
If I know how or which way to order theſe affayres
Thus diſorderly thruſt into my hands,
Neuer beleeue me: both are my kinſmen,
T'one is my ſoueraigne, whom both my oath
And duety bids defend; t'other againe
Is my kinſman, whom the King hath wrongd,
Whom conſcience, and my kinred bids to right.
Wel ſomewhat we muſt do: Come couſin,
Ile diſpoſe of you: Gentlemen, go muſter vp your men,
And meete me preſently at Barkly:
I ſhould to Plaſhie too, but time wil not permit:

All

All is vneuen, and euery thing is left at ſixe and ſeauen.

Exeunt Duke. Qu man. Buſh. Green.

Buſh. The winde ſits faire for newes to go for Ireland,
But none returnes. For vs to leuie power
Proportionable to the enemy is all vnpoſsible.
Gree. Beſides our neerenes to the King in loue,
Is neare the hate of thoſe loue not the King.
Bag. And that is the wauering commons, for their loue
Lies in their purſes, and who ſo empties them,
By ſo much fils their hearts with deadly hate.
Buſh. Wherein the King ſtands generally condemnd.
Bag. If iudgment lie in them, then ſo do we,
Becauſe we euer haue beene neere the King.
Gree. Well I will for refuge ſtraight to Briſt. Caſtle.
The Earle of Wiltſhire is already there.
Buſh. Thither will I with you, for little office
Will the hatefull commons perfourme for vs,
Except like curs to teare vs all to pieces:
Will you go along with vs?
Bag. No, I will to Ireland to his Maieſty,
Farewell if hearts preſages be not vaine,
We three here part that nere ſhall meete againe.
Buſh. Thats as Yorke thriues to beat backe Bullingbrook.
Gree. Alas poore Duke the taske he vndertakes,
Is numbring ſands, and drinking Oceans drie,
Where one on his ſide fights, thouſands will flie:
Farewell at once, for once, for all, and euer.
Buſh. Well, we may meete againe.
Bag. I feare me neuer.

Enter Hereford, Northumberland.

Bull. How far is it my Lord to Barckly now?
North. Beleeue me noble Lord,
I am a ſtranger here in Gloceſterſhire.
Theſe high wild hils and rough vneuen waies,
Drawes out our miles and makes them wearieſome,
And yet your faire diſcourſe hath beene as ſugar,
Making the hard way ſweete and delectable.

But

But I bethinke me what a weary way
From Rauenſpurgh to Cotſhall will be found,
In Roſſe and Willoughby wanting your company,
Which I proteſt hath very much beguild,
The tedioufneſſe and proceſſe of my trauell:
But theirs is ſweetned with the hope to haue
The preſent benefit which I poſſeſſe,
And hope to ioy is little leſſe in ioye.
Then hope enioyed: by this the weary Lords
Shall make their way ſeeme ſhort as mine hath done,
By ſight of what I haue, your noble company.
Bull. Of much leſſe value is my company,
Then your good wordes. But who comes here?

Enter Harry Perſie.

North. It is my ſonne young Harry Perſy,
Sent from my brother Worceſter whenceſoeuer.
Harry, how fares your Vncle?
H.Per. I had thought my Lord to haue learned his health of you.
North. Why is he not with the Queene?
H.Per. No my good Lord, he hath forſooke the court,
Broken his ſtaffe of office and diſperſt
The houſhold of the King.
North. What was his reaſon, he was not ſo reſolude,
When laſt we ſpake togither?
H Per. Becauſe your Lo: was proclaimed traitor,
But he my Lo: is gone to Rauenſpurgh,
To offer ſeruice to the Duke of Hereford,
And ſent me ouer by Barckly to diſcouer,
What power the Duke of Yorke had leuied there,
Then with directions to repaire to Rauenſpurgh.
North. Haue you forgot the Duke of Herefords boy?
H.Per. No my good Lo: for that is not forgot,
Which nere I did remember, to my knowledge
I neuer in my life did looke on him.
North. Then learne to know him now, this is the Duke.
H.Per. My gratious Lo: I tender you my ſeruice,
Such as it is, being tender, raw, and young,
Which elder daies ſhal ripen and confirme

To more approued ſeruice and deſert.
Bull. I thanke thee gentle Perſy, and be ſure,
I count my ſelfe in nothing elſe ſo happy,
As in a ſoule remembring my good friends,
And as my fortune ripens with thy loue,
It ſhalbe ſtill thy true loues recompence,
My heart this couenant makes, my hand thus ſeales it.
North. How farre is it to Barckly, and what ſtur
Keepes good old Yorke there with his men of war?
H.Per. There ſtands the Caſtle by yon tuft of trees,
Mand with 300. men as I haue heard,
And in it are the Lords of Yorke Barkly and Seymer,
None elſe of name and noble eſtimate.
North. Here come the Lords of Roſſe and Willoughby,
Bloudy with ſpurring, fiery red with haſte.
Bull. VVelcome my Lords, I wot your loue purſues,
A baniſht traitor: all my treaſury
Is yet but vnfelt thanks, which more inricht,
Shalbe your loue and labours recompence.
Roſſe Your preſence makes vs rich, moſt noble Lord.
Wil: And far ſurmounts our labour to attaine it.
Bul. Euermore thanke's the exchequer of the poore,
VVhich till my infant fortune comes to yeares,
Stands for my bounty: but who comes here?
North. It is my Lord of Barkly as I gueſſe.
Barkly My Lord of Hereford my meſſage is to you.
Bul. My Lord my anſwere is to Lancaſter,
And I am come to ſeeke that name in England,
And I muſt find that title in your tongue,
Before I make reply to ought you ſay.
Bar. Miſtake me not my Lord, tis not my meaning,
To race one title of your honor out:
To you my Lo: I come, what Lo: you will,
From the moſt gratious regent of this land
The Duke of Yorke: to know what prickes you on,
To take aduantage of the abſent time,
And fright our natiue peace with ſelfe borne armes?

Bull. I ſhall not need tranſport my words by you,
Here comes his grace in perſon, my noble Vnckle.
Yorke Shew me thy humble heart, and not thy knee,
Whoſe duety is deceiueable and falſe.
Bull. My gratious Vnckle.
Yor. Tut tut, grace me no grace, nor vnckle me no vnckle,
I am no traitors Vnckle, and that word Grace
In an vngratious mouth is but prophane:
Why haue thoſe baniſht and forbidden legs,
Dard once to touch a duſt of Englands ground:
But then more why? why haue they dard to march
So many miles vpon her peacefull boſome,
Frighting her pale fac't villadges with warre,
And oſtentation of deſpiſed armes?
Comſt thou becauſe the annointed king is hence?
Why fooliſh boy the King is left behinde,
And in my loiall boſome lies his power,
Were I but now Lord of ſuch hot youth,
As when braue Gaunt thy father and my ſelfe,
Reſcued the blacke prince that young Mars of men,
From forth the rankes of many thouſand french,
O then how quickly ſhould this arme of mine,
Now priſoner to the Palſie chaſtiſe thee,
And miniſter correction to thy fault!
Bull. My gratious Vnckle let me know my fault,
On what condition ſtands it and wherein?
Yorke Euen in condition of the worſt degree,
In groſſe rebellion and deteſted treaſon,
Thou art a baniſht man and here art come,
Before the expiration of thy time,
In brauing armes againſt thy ſoueraigne.
Bull. As I was baniſht, I was baniſht Hereford,
But as I come, I come for Lancaſter.
And noble Vnckle I beſeech your grace,
Looke on my wrongs with an indifferent eie:
You are my father, for me thinkes in you
I ſee old Gaunt aliue. Oh then my father,

Will you permit that I ſhall ſtand condemnd
A wandering vagabond, my rights and royalties
Pluckt from my armes perforce, and giuen away
To vpſtart vnthrifts? wherefore was I borne?
If that my couſin King be King in England,
It muſt be granted I am duke of Lancaſter:
You haue a ſonne, Aumerle, my noble couſin,
Had you firſt died, and he bin thus trod downe,
He ſhould haue found his vncle Gaunt a father,
To rowze his wrongs and chaſe them to the baie.
I am denyed to ſue my Liuery here,
And yet my letters pattents giue me leaue:
My fathers goods are all diſtrainde and ſold,
And theſe, and all, are all amiſſe employed.
What would you haue me do? I am a ſubiect,
And I challenge law, Atturnies are denied me,
And therefore perſonally I lay my claime
To my inheritance of free deſcent.
North. The noble Duke hath bin too much abuſed.
Roſſe It ſtands your Grace vpon to do him right.
Willo. Baſe men by his endowments are made great.
Yorke My Lords of England, let me tell you this:
I haue had feeling of my couſins wrongs,
And labourd all I could to do him right:
But in this kind to come, in braſing armes
Be his owne caruer, and cut out his way,
To finde out right with wrong it may not be:
And you that do abette him in this kinde,
Cheriſh rebellion, and are rebells all.
North. The noble Duke hath ſworne his comming is,
But for his owne; and for the right of that,
We al haue ſtrongly ſworne to giue him ayde:
And let him neuer ſee ioy that breakes that oath.
Yorke Wel wel, I ſee the iſſue of theſe armes,
I cannot mend it I muſt needes confeſſe,
Becauſe my power is weake and all ill left:
But if I could, by him that gaue me life,

I would attach you all, and make you ſtoope
Vnto the ſoueraigne mercie of the king;
But ſince I cannot, be it knowen vnto you,
I do remaine as newter, ſo fare you well,
Vnleſſe you pleaſe to enter in the caſtle,
And there repoſe you for this night.

Bull. An offer vncle that we will accept,
But we muſt winne your Grace to go with vs,
To Briſtow caſtle, which they ſay is held
By Buſhie, Bagot, and their complices,
The caterpillers of the commonwealth,
Which I haue ſworne to weede and plucke away.

Yorke It may be I will go with you, but yet Ile paweſe,
For I am loath to breake our countries lawes,
Nor friends, nor foes to me welcome you are:
Things paſt redreſſe, are now with me paſt care. *Exeunt.*

Enter erle of Salisbury and a Welch captaine.

Welch. My lord of Salisbury, we haue ſtayed ten dayes,
And hardly kept our countrymen together,
And yet we heare no tidings from the King,
Therefore we will diſperſe our ſelues, farewell.

Saliſ. Stay yet an other day, thou truſtie Welchman,
The King repoſeth all his confidence in thee.

Welch. Tis thought the King is dead; we wil not ſtay,
The bay trees in our country are al witherd,
And Meteors fright the fixed ſtarres of heauen,
The pale-facde moone lookes bloudie on the earth,
And leane-lookt prophets whiſper fearefull change,
Rich men looke ſad, and ruffians daunce and leape,
The one in feare to looſe what they enioy,
The other to enioy by rage and warre:
Theſe ſignes forerunne the death or fall of Kings.
Farewell, our countrymen are gone and fled,
As well aſſured Richard their King is dead.

Saliſ. Ah Richard! with the eies of heauy mind
I ſee thy glory like a ſhooting ſtarre

Fall

Fall to the baſe earth from the firmament,
Thy ſunne ſets weeping in the lowly weſt,
Witneſsing ſtormes to come, wo, and vnreſt,
Thy friends are fled to wait vpon thy foes,
And croſſly to thy good all fortune goes.

Enter Duke of Hereford, Yorke, Northumberland, Buſhie and Greene priſoners.

Bull. Bring forth theſe men.
Buſhie and Greene, I will not vex your ſoules,
Since preſently your ſoules muſt part your bodies
With too much vrging your pernitious liues,
For twere no charitie; yet to waſh your bloud
From off my hands, heere in the view of men
I will vnfold ſome cauſes of your deaths:
You haue miſled a Prince, a royall King,
A happy Gentleman in bloud and lineaments,
By you vnhappied, and diſfigured cleane,
You haue in manner with your ſinfull houres
Made a diuorce betwixt his Queene and him,
Broke the poſſeſsion of a royall bed,
And ſtainde the beutie of a faire Queenes cheekes
With teares, drawen from her eies by your fowle wrongs,
My ſelfe a Prince, by fortune of my birth,
Neere to the King in bloud, and neere in loue,
Till you did make him miſinterpret me,
Haue ſtoopt my necke vnder your iniuries,
And ſigh't my Engliſh breath in forren cloudes,
Eating the bitter bread of baniſhment,
Whilſt you haue fed vpon my ſeigniories,
Diſparkt my parkes, and felld my forreſt woods,
From my owne windowes torne my houſhold coate,
Raſ't out my impreeſe, leauing me no ſigne,
Saue mens opinions, and my liuing bloud,
To ſhew the world I am a gentleman.
This and much more, much more then twice all this
Condemns you to the death: ſee them deliuered ouer
To execution and the hand of death.

Buſhie

Bush. More welcome is the ſtroke of death to me,
Than Bullingbrooke to England, Lords farewell.
Greene My comfort is, that heauen will take our ſoules,
And plague iniuſtice with the paines of hell.
Bul. My Lord Northumberland, ſee them diſpatcht:
Vncle, you ſay the Queene is at your houſe,
For Gods ſake fairely let her be intreated,
Tel her I ſend to her my kinde commends;
Take ſpecial care my greetings be deliuered.
Yorke A gentleman of mine I haue diſpatcht,
With letters of your loue to her at large.
Bul. Thankes (gentle vncle:) Come Lords, away,
To fight with Glendor and his complices,
A while to worke, and after holiday. *Exeunt.*

Enter the King, Aumerle, Carleil, &c.

King Barkloughly caſtle call they this at hand?
Aum. Yea my Lord, How brookes your Grace the ayre
After your late toſsing on the breaking ſeas?
King Needes muſt I like it well, I weepe for ioy,
To ſtand vpon my kingdome once againe:
Deere earth I do ſalute thee with my hand,
Though rebels wound thee with their horſes hoofes:
As a long parted mother with her childe
Playes fondly with her teares and ſmiles in meeting;
So weeping, ſmiling greete I thee my earth,
And do thee fauours with my royall hands;
Feede not thy Soueraignes foe, my gentle earth,
Nor with thy ſweetes comfort his rauenous ſence,
But let thy Spiders that ſucke vp thy venome,
And heauy-gated toades lie in their way,
Doing annoyance to the treacherous feete,
Which with vſurping ſteps do trample thee,
Yeelde ſtinging nettles to mine enemies:
And when they from thy boſome plucke a flower,
Guard it I pray thee with a lurking Adder,
Whoſe double tongue may with a mortall touch,

Throwe death vpon thy ſoueraignes enemies,
Mocke not my ſenceles coniuration Lords,
This earth ſhall haue a feeling, and theſe ſtones,
Proue armed ſouldiers ere her natiue King,
Shall faulter vnder foule rebellions armes.
Carl. Feare not my Lord, that power that made you king,
Hath power to keepe you king in ſpight of all,
The meanes that heauens yeeld muſt be imbrac't
And not neglected. Elſe heauen would,
And we will not, heauens offer, we refuſe,
The profered meanes of ſuccors and redreſſe.
Aum. He meanes my Lo: that we are too remiſſe,
Whilſt Bullingbrooke through our ſecurity,
Growes ſtrong and great in ſubſtance and in power.
King Diſcomfortable Coſen knowſt thou not,
That when the ſearching eie of heauen is hid,
Behinde the globe that lights the lower world,
Then theeues and robbers range abroad vnſeene,
In murthers and in outrage bouldy here.
But when from vnder this terreſtriall ball,
He fires the proud tops of the eaſterne pines,
And darts his light through euery guilty hole,
Then murthers, treaſons and deteſted ſinnes,
The cloake of night being pluckt from off their backs,
Stand bare and naked trembling at themſelues?
So when this thiefe, this traitor Bullingbrooke,
Who all this while hath reueld in the night,
Whilſt we were wandring with the Antipodes,
Shall ſee vs riſing in our throne the eaſt,
His treaſons will ſit bluſhing in his face,
Not able to endure the ſight of day,
But ſelfe affrighted tremble at his ſinne,
Not all the water in the rough rude ſea,
Can waſh the balme off from an annointed King,
The breath of worldly men cannot depoſe,
The deputy elected by the Lord,
For euery man that Bullingbrooke hath preſt,

To lifte ſhrewd ſteele againſt our golden crowne,
God for his Ric: hath in heauenly pay,
A glorious Angell; then if Angels fight,
Weake men muſt fall, for heauen ſtill gardes the right.

Enter Salisb.

King Welcome my Lo: how far off lies your power?
Saliſ. Nor neare nor farther off my gratious Lo:
Than this weake arme; diſcomfort guides my tongue,
And bids me ſpeake of nothing but Deſpaire,
One day too late I feare me noble Lo:
Hath clouded all thy happy daies on earth:
O call backe yeſterday, bid Time returne,
And thou ſhalt haue twelue thouſand fighting men,
To day to day vnhappie daie too late,
Ouerthrowes thy ioies friends, fortune and thy ſtate,
For all the Welſhmen hearing thou wert dead,
Are gone to Bullingbrooke diſperſt and fled.
Aum. Comfort my liege, why lookes your grace ſo pale.
King But now the bloud of 20000. men,
Did triumph in my face, and they are fled:
And till ſo much bloud thither come againe,
Haue I not reaſon to looke pale and dead?
All ſoules that wilbe ſafe, flie from my ſide,
For time hath ſet a blot vpon my pride.
Aum. Comfort my liege remember who you are.
King I had forgot my ſelfe, am I not King?
Awake thou coward Maieſty thou ſleepeſt,
Is not the Kings name twenty thouſand names?
Arme arme, my name a puny ſubiect ſtrikes,
At thy great glorie, looke not to the ground,
Ye fauourites of a King, are we not high?
High be our thoughts, I know my Vnckle Yorke,
Hath power enough to ſerue our turne: but who comes here?

Enter Scroope.

Scro. More health and happines betide my liege,
Then can my care tunde tongue deliuer him.
King Mine eare is open, and my hart prepard,

The

The worſt is worldly loſſe thou canſt vnfold,
Say, is my kingdome loſt? why twas my care,
And what loſſe is it to be rid of care?
Striues Bullingbrooke to be as great as we,
Greater he ſhall not be, if he ſerue God,
Weele ſerue him to, and be his fellow ſo:
Reuolt our ſubiects, that we cannot mende,
They breake their faith to God as well as vs:
Crie woe, deſtruction, ruine, and decay,
The worſt is death, and death will haue his day.
Scro. Glad am I, that your highnes is ſo armde,
To beare the tidings of calamity,
Like an vnſeaſonable ſtormie day,
Which makes the ſiluer riuers drowne their ſhores,
As if the world were all diſſolude to teares:
So high aboue his limits ſwels the rage
Of Bullingbrooke couering your fearefull land,
With hard bright ſteele, and harts harder then ſteele,
White beards haue armd their thin and haireles ſcalpes
Againſt thy maieſty: boies with womens voices,
Striue to ſpeake big and clap their femal ioints,
In ſtiffe vnweildy armes againſt thy crowne,
Thy very beadſmen learne to bend their bowes,
Of double fatall ewe againſt thy ſtate.
Yea diſtaffe women mannage ruſtie bils
Againſt thy ſeate, both young and old rebell,
And all goes worſe then I haue power to tell.
King Too well too well thou telſt a tale ſo ill,
Where is the Earle of Wiltſhire? where is Bagot?
What is become of Buſhie? where is Greene?
That they haue let the dangerous enemy,
Meaſure our confines with ſuch peacefull ſteps,
If we preuaile, their heads ſhall pay for it:
I warrant they haue made peace with Bulling.
Scro. Peace haue they made with him indeed my Lord.
King Oh villaines, vipers, damnd without redemption,
Dogs eaſily woon to fawne on any man,

Snakes

Snakes in my hart bloud warmd, that ſting my hart,
Three Iudaſſes, each one thriſe worſe then Iudas,
Would they make peace? terrible hel,
Make war vpon their ſpotted ſoules for this.
Scro. Sweet loue I ſee changing his property,
Turnes to the ſow reſt and moſt deadly hate,
Againe, vncurſe their ſoules, their peace is made
With heads and not with hands, thoſe whom you curſe
Haue felt the worſt of deathes deſtroying wound,
And lie full low grau'd in the hollow ground.
Aum. Is Buſhie, Greene, and the Earle of Wiltſhire dead.
Scro. I all of them at Briſtow loſt their heads.
Aum. Where is the Duke my father with his power?
King No matter where, of comfort no man ſpeake:
Lets talke of graues, of wormes, and Epitaphs,
Make duſt our paper, and with rainy eies,
Write ſorrow on the boſome of the earth.
Lets chooſe executors and talke of wils:
And yet not ſo, for what can we bequeath,
Saue our depoſed bodies to the ground?
Our landes, our liues, and all are Bullingbrookes,
And nothing can we call our owne, but death:
And that ſmall modle of the barren earth,
Which ſerues as paſte, and couer to our bones,
For Gods ſake let vs ſit vpon the ground,
And tell ſad ſtories of the death of Kings.
How ſome haue beene depoſd, ſome ſlaine in warre,
Some haunted by the ghoſts they haue depoſed,
Some poiſoned by their wiues, ſome ſleeping kild;
All murthered, for within the hollow crowne
That roundes the mortall temples of a king,
Keepes death his court, and there the antique ſits,
Scoffing his ſtate and grinning at his pompe,
Allowing him a breath, a litle ſceane,
To monarchiſe be feard, and kil with lookes,
Infuſing him with ſelfe and vaine conceit,
As if this fleſh which wals about our life,
Were braſſe impregnable: and humord thus,

Comes at the laſt, and with a little pin
Boares thorough his Caſtle wall, and farewell King;
Couer your heades, and mocke not fleſh and bloud,
With ſolemne reuerence: throw away reſpect,
Tradition, forme, and ceremonious duetie,
For you haue but miſtooke me all this while:
I liue with bread like you, feele want,
Taſte griefe, need friends, ſubiected thus,
How can you ſay to me, I am a King?
Carleil My lord, wiſemen nere ſit and waile their woes,
But preſently preuent the wayes to waile,
To feare the foe, ſince feare oppreſſeth ſtrength,
Giues in your weakenes ſtrength vnto your foe,
And ſo your follies fight againſt your ſelfe:
Feare and be ſlaine, no worſe can come to fight,
And fight and die, is death deſtroying death,
Where fearing dying, paies death ſeruile breath.
Aum. My father hath a power, inquire of him,
And learne to make a body of a limme.
King Thou chidſt me well, proud Bullingbrooke, I come,
To change blowes with thee for our day of doome:
This agew fit of feare is ouerblowne,
An eaſie taske it is to winne our owne.
Say Scroope, where lies our vncle with his power?
Speake ſweetely man although thy lookes be ſower.
Scroope Men iudge by the complexion of the skie,
The ſtate and inclination of the day;
So may you by my dull and heauy eie:
My tongue hath but a heauier tale to ſay,
I play the torturer by ſmall and ſmall
To lengthen out the worſt that muſt be ſpoken:
Your vncle Yorke is ioynd with Bullingbrooke,
And all your Northerne caſtles yeelded vp,
And all your Southerne Gentlemen in armes
Vpon his partie.
King Thou haſt ſaid enough:
Beſhrew thee couſin which didſt leade me forth

Of that ſweete way I was in to diſpaire.
What ſay you now? what comfort haue we now?
By heauen Ile hate him euerlaſtingly,
That bids me be of comfort any more.
Go to Flint Caſtle, there Ile pine away,
A King woes ſlaue ſhall kingly woe obey:
That power I haue, diſcharge, and let them goe
To eare the land that hath ſome hope to grow,
For I haue none, let no man ſpeake againe,
To alter this, for counſell is but vaine.
Aum. My Liege, one word.
King He does me double wrong,
That wounds me with the flatteries of his tong.
Diſcharge my followers, let them hence away,
From Richards night, to Bullingbrookes faire day.

Enter Bull. Yorke, North.

Bull. So that by this intelligence we learne
The Welch men are diſperſt, and Salisburie
Is gone to meete the King, who lately landed
With ſome few priuate friends vpon this coaſt.
North. The newes is very faire and good my lord.
Richard not farre from hence hath hid his head.
Yorke It would beſeeme the Lord Northumberland
To ſay King Richard; alacke the heauy day,
When ſuch a ſacred King ſhould hide his head.
North. Your Grace miſtakes; onely to be briefe
Left I his title out.
Yorke The time hath bin, would you haue beene ſo briefe
He would haue bin ſo briefe to ſhorten you, (with him,
For taking ſo the head, your whole heads length.
Bull. Miſtake not (vncle) further then you ſhould.
Yorke Take not (good couſin) further then you ſhould,
Left you miſtake the heauens are ouer our heads.
Bull. I know it vncle, and oppoſe not my ſelfe,
Againſt their will. But, who comes here? *Enter Percie.*
Welcome Harry; what, will not this caſtle yeelde?
H.Per. The Caſtle royally is mand my Lord.

Againſt

Againſt thy entrance.
Bull. Royally, why it containes no King.
H.Per. Yes (my good Lord,)
It doth containe a King, King Richard lies
Within the limites of yon lime and ſtone,
And with him are the Lord Aumerle, Lord Salisbury,
Sir Stephen Scroope, beſides a cleargie man
Of holy reuerence, who I cannot learne.
North. Oh belike it is the biſhop of Carleil.
Bull. Noble Lords,
Go to the rude ribbes of that ancient Caſtle,
Through brazen trumpet ſend the breath of parlee
Into his ruinde eares, and thus deliuer.
H.Bull. on both his knees doth kiſſe king Richards hand,
And ſends allegeance and true faith of heart
To his moſt royall perſon: hither come
Euen at his feete to lay my armes and power:
Prouided, that my baniſhment repeald,
And lands reſtored againe be freely granted;
If not, Ile vſe the aduantage of my power,
And lay the ſummers duſt with ſhowres of bloud,
Rainde from the wounds of ſlaughtered Engliſh men,
The which, how farre off from the minde of Bulling.
It is, ſuch crimſon tempeſt ſhould bedrench
The freſh greene lap of faire King Richards land:
My ſtooping duety tenderly ſhall ſhew:
Go ſignifie as much while here we march
Vpon the graſsie carpet of this plaine;
Lets march without the noyſe of threatning drumme,
That from this Caſtels tottered battlements
Our faire appointments may be well peruſde.
Me thinkes King Richard and my ſelfe ſhould meete
With no leſſe terrour than the elements
Of fire and water, when their thundring ſhocke
At meeting teares the cloudie cheekes of heauen.
Be he the fire, Ile be the yeelding water;
The rage be his, whilſt on the earth I raigne.

My

My water's on the earth, and not on him.
March on, and marke King Richard how he lookes.

The trumpets sound, Richard appeareth on the walls.

Bull. See see King Richard doth himselfe appeare,
As doth the blushing discontented Sunne,
From out the fierie portall of the East,
When he perceiues the enuious cloudes are bent
To dimme his glorie, and to staine the tracke
Of his bright passage to the Occident.
Yorke Yet lookes he like a King, beholde his eye,
As bright as is the Eagles, lightens forth
Controlling maiestie; alacke alacke for woe,
That any harme should staine so faire a shew.
King We are amazde, and thus long haue we stoode,
To watch the feareful bending of thy knee,
Because we thought our selfe thy lawfull King:
And if wee be, howe dare thy ioynts forget
To pay their awefull duety to our presence?
If we be not, shew vs the hand of God
That hath dismist vs from our Stewardship;
For well we know no hand of bloud and bone
Can gripe the sacred handle of our Scepter,
Vnlesse he do prophane, steale, or vsurpe.
And though you thinke that all as you haue done
Haue torne their soules, by turning them from vs,
And we are barren and bereft of friends:
Yet know, my maister God omnipotent,
Is mustring in his cloudes on our behalfe,
Armies of pestilence, and they shall strike
Your children yet vnborne, and vnbegot,
That lift your vassaile hands against my head,
And threat the glorie of my precious crowne.
Tell Bullingbrooke, for yon me thinkes he standes,
That euery stride he makes vpon my land,
Is dangerous treason; he is come to open
The purple testament of bleeding warre:

But

But ere the crowne he lookes for, liue in peace,
Ten thousand bloudy crownes of mothers sonnes,
Shall ill become the flower of Englands face,
Change the complexion of her maid-pale peace,
To scarlet indignation and bedew
Her pastors grasse with faithfull English bloud.
North. The King of heauen forbid: our Lo: the king
Should so with ciuill and vnciuill armes,
be rusht vpon. Thy thrise noble Cosen,
Harry Bullingbrooke doth humbly kisse thy hand,
And by the honorable tombe he sweares,
That stands vpon your roiall grandsires bones,
And by the roialties of both your blouds,
Currents that spring from one most gratious head,
And by the buried hand of warlike Gaunt,
And by the worth and honor of himselfe,
Comprising all that may be sworne or said,
His comming hither hath no further scope,
Then for his lineall roialties, and to beg
Infranchisement immediate on his knees,
Which on thy roiall partie granted once,
His glittering armes he will commend to rust,
His barbed steeds to stables, and his hart
To faithfull seruice of your Maiesty.
This sweares he, as he is princesse iust,
And as I am a gentleman I credit him.
King Northumberland, say thus, the King returnes,
His noble Cosen is right welcome hither,
And all the number of his faire demaunds,
Shall be accomplisht without contradiction,
With all the gratious vtterance thou hast,
Speake to his gentle hearing kind commends.
King We do debase our selues, Cosen do we not,
To looke so poorely, and to speake so faire?
Shall we call backe Northumberland and send
Defiance to the traitor and so die?
Aum. No good my Lo: lets fight with gentle words,

Till

Till time lend friends, and friends their helpfull ſwords.
King Oh God oh God that ere this tong of mine,
That laid the ſentence of dread baniſhment
On yon prowde man ſhould take it off againe
With words of ſooth! Oh that I were as great
As is my griefe, or leſſer than my name!
Or that I could forget what I haue beene!
Or not remember what I muſt be now!
Swellſt thou (prowd heart) Ile giue thee ſcope to beate,
Since foes haue ſcope to beate both thee and me.
Aum. Northumberland comes backe from Bullingbrooke
King What muſt the King do now? muſt he ſubmit?
The King ſhall do it: muſt he be depoſde?
The king ſhall be contented: muſt he looſe
The name of King? a Gods name let it go:
Ile giue my iewels for a ſet of Beades:
My gorgeous pallace for a hermitage:
My gay apparel for an almeſmans gowne:
My figurde goblets for a diſh of wood:
My ſcepter for a Palmers walking ſtaffe:
My ſubiects for a paire of carued Saintes,
And my large kingdome for a little graue,
A little little graue, an obſcure graue,
Or Ile be buried in the Kings hie way,
Some way of common trade, where ſubiects feete
May hourely trample on their ſoueraignes head;
For on my heart they tread now whilſt I liue:
And buried once, why not vpon my head?
Aumerle thou weeptſt (my tender-hearted cooſin)
Weele make fowle weather with deſpiſed teares;
Our ſighs and they ſhall lodge the ſummer corne,
And make a dearth in this reuolting land:
Or ſhall we play the wantons with our woes,
And make ſome pretty match with ſheading teares,
As thus to drop them ſtill vpon one place,
Till they haue fretted vs a paire of graues
Within the earth, and therein laide; there lies

Two kinſmen digd their graues with weeping eies:
Would not this ill do well? well well I ſee,
I talke but idlely, and you laugh at me.
Moſt mightie Prince my Lord Northumberland,
What ſaies king Bullingbroke, will his maieſtie
Giue Richard leaue to liue till Richard dye,
You make a leg and Bullingbroke ſaies I,
North. My Lord, in the baſe court he doth attend,
To ſpeake with you, may it pleaſe you to come downe.
King. Downe, downe I come, like gliſtring Phaeton:
Wanting the manage of vnruly Iades.
In the baſe court, baſe court where Kinges grow baſe,
To come at traitors calls, and do them grace,
In the baſe court come downe: downe court, downe King,
For nightowles ſhreeke where mounting larkes ſhould ſing.
Bull. What ſaies his maieſtie?
North. Sorrowe and greife of hart,
Makes him ſpeake fondly like a frantike man,
Yet he is come.
Bull. Stand all apart,
And ſhew faire dutie to his Maieſtie: (*he kneeles downe.*
My gratious Lord.
King. faire cooſen, you debaſe your princely knee,
To make the baſe earth proud with kiſſing it:
Me rather had my hart might feele your loue,
Then my vnpleaſed eie ſee your curteſie:
Vp cooſen vp, your hart is vp I knowe,
Thus high at leaſt, although your knee be lowe.
Bull. My gratious Lord, I come but for mine owne.
King. Your owne is yours, and I am yours and all.
Bull. So farre be mine my moſt redoubted Lord,
As my true ſeruice ſhall deſerue your loue.
King. Well you deſerue: they well deſerue to haue,
That know the ſtrong'ſt and ſureſt way to get.
Vncle giue me your handes, nay drie your eies,
Teares ſhew their loue, but want their remedies.
Cooſen I am to yong to be your Father,

Though you are old enough to be my heire,
What you will haue, Ile giue, and willing to,
For doe we muſt, what force will haue vs doe:
Set on towards London, Coſen is it ſo?
Bul. Yea my good Lord:
King. Then I muſt not ſay no.

Enter the Queene with her attendants

Quee. What ſport ſhall we deuiſe here in this garden,
To driue away the heauy thought of care?
Lady Madame weele play at bowles.
Quee. Twil make me thinke the world is full of rubs,
And that my fortune runs againſt the bias.
Lady Madame weele daunce.
Quee. My legs can keepe no meaſure in delight,
When my poore hart no meaſure keepes in griefe:
Therfore no dauncing girle, ſome other ſport.
Lady Madame weele tell tales.
Quee. Of ſorrow or of griefe.
Lady Of either Madame.
Quee. Of neither girle:
For if of ioy, being altogither wanting,
It doth remember me the more of ſorrow:
Or if of griefe, being altogither had,
It adds more ſorrow to my want of ioy:
For what I haue I need not to repeate,
And what I want it bootes not to complaine.
Lady Madame Ile ſing.
Quee. Tis well that thou haſt cauſe,
But thou ſhouldſt pleaſe me better, wouldſt thou weepe.
Lady I could weepe; Madame would it doe you good?
Quee. And I could ſing would weeping doe me good,
And neuer borrow any teare of thee.

Enter Gardeners.

But ſtay, here come the gardeners,
Lets ſtep into the ſhadow of theſe trees,
My wretchednes vnto a row of pines,

They will talke of ſtate for euery one doth ſo,
Againſt a change woe is fore-runne with woe.
Gard. Go bind thou vp yong dangling Aphricokes,
Which like vnruly children make their ſire,
Stoope with oppreſsion of their prodigall weight.
Giue ſome ſupportance to the bending twigs,
Go thou, and like an executioner
Cut off the heads of two faſt growing ſpraies,
That looke too loftie in our common-wealth,
All muſt be euen in our gouernement.
You thus employed, I will goe roote away
The noyſome weedes which without profit ſucke
The ſoiles fertilitie from wholſome flowers.
Man. Why ſhould we in the compas of a pale,
Keepe law and forme, and due proportion,
Shewing as in a modle our firme eſtate,
When our ſea-walled garden the whole land
Is full of weedes, her faireſt flowers choakt vp,
Her fruit trees all vnprunde, her hedges ruinde,
Her knots diſordered, and her holſome hearbs
Swarming with caterpillers.
Gard. Hold thy peace,
He that htah ſuffered this diſordered ſpring,
Hath now himſelfe met with the fall of leafe:
The weedes which his broad ſpreading leaues did ſhelter,
That ſeemde in eating him to hold him vp,
Are pluckt vp roote and all by Bullingbrooke,
I meane the Earle of Wiltſhire, Buſhie, Greene,
Man. What are they dead?
Gard. They are.
And Bullingbrooke hath ceaſde the waſtefull king,
Oh what pitie is it that he had not ſo trimde,
And dreſt his land as we this garden at time of yeare
Do wound the barke, the skinne of our fruit trees,
Leſt being ouer prowd in ſap and bloud,
With too much riches it confound it ſelfe
Had he done ſo to great and growing men,

They might haue liude to beare, and he to taſte
Their fruits of duety : ſuperfluous branches
We loppe away, that bearing boughes may liue:
Had he done ſo, himſelfe had borne the crowne,
Which waſte of idle houres hath quite throwne downe.
Man. What, thinke you the King ſhall be depoſed?
Gard. Depreſt he is already, and depoſde
Tis doubt he will be . Letters came laſt night
To a deare friend of the good Duke of Yorkes,
That tell blacke tidings.
Queene Oh I am preſt to death through want of ſpeaking
Thou old Adams likeneſſe ſet to dreſſe this garden,
How dares thy harſh rude tong ſound this vnpleaſing news?
What Eue?what ſerpent hath ſuggeſted thee
To make a ſecond fall of curſed man?
Why doſt thou ſay king Richard is depoſde?
Darſt thou thou little better thing than earth
Diuine his downefall? ſay, where, when, and how,
Canſt thou by this ill tidings ſpeake thou wretch?
Gard. Pardon me Madam, little ioy haue I
To breathe this newes, yet what I ſay is true:
King Richard he is in the mightie hold
Of Bullingbrooke : their fortunes both are weyde
In your Lo. ſcale is nothing but himſelfe,
And ſome few vanities that make him light:
But in the ballance of great Bullingbrooke,
Beſides himſelfe are all the Engliſh peeres,
And with that oddes he weighs King Richard downe;
Poſt you to London and you will find it ſo,
I ſpeake no more than euery one doth know.
Queene Nimble Miſchance that arte ſo light of foote,
Doth not thy embaſſage belong to me,
And am I laſt that knowes it? Oh thou thinkeſt
To ſerue me laſt that I may longeſt keepe
Thy ſorrow in my breaſt : come Ladies go
To meete at London Londons king in wo:
What, was I borne to this that my ſad looke

Should grace the triumph of great Bullingbrooke?
Gardner for telling me theſe newes of wo,
Pray God the plants thou graftſt may neuer grow. *Exit*
Gard. Poore Queene, ſo that thy ſtate might be no worſe,
I would my Skill were ſubiect to thy curſe:
Here did ſhe fall a teare, here in this place
Ile ſet a banke of Rew ſowre herb of grace,
Rew euen for ruth heere ſhortly ſhall be ſeene,
In the remembrance of a weeping Queene. *Exeunt.*

Enter Bullingbrooke with the Lords to parliament.

Bull. Call forth Bagot. *Enter Bagot.*
Now Bagot, freely ſpeake thy mind,
What thou doeſt know of noble Glouceſters death,
Who wrought it with the King, and who performde
The bloudy office of his timeles end.
Bagot Then ſet before my face the Lord Aumerle.
Bull. Couſin, ſtand foorth, and looke vpon that man.
Bagot My Lord Aumerle, I know your daring tong
Scornes to vnſay what once it hath deliuered.
In that dead time when Glouceſters death was plotted
I heard you ſay, Is not my arme of length,
That reacheth from the reſtful Engliſh court,
As farre as Callice to mine vncles head?
Amongſt much other talke that very time
I heard you ſay, that you had rather refuſe
The offer of an hundred thouſand crownes,
Then Bullingbrookes returne to England, adding withall,
How bleſt this land would be in this your coſins death.
Aum. Princes and noble Lords,
What anſwer ſhall I make to this baſe man?
Shall I ſo much diſhonour my faire ſtarres
On equall termes to giue them chaſticement?
Either I muſt, or haue mine honour ſoild
With the attainder of his ſlaunderous lippes.
There is my gage, the manual ſeale of death,

That markes thee out for hell, I say thou liest,
And wil maintaine what thou hast said is false
In thy heart bloud, though being all too base
To staine the temper of my knightly sword.
Bull. Bagot, forbeare, thou shalt not take it vp.
Aum. Excepting one, I would he were the best
In all this presence that hath moude me so.
Fitz. If that thy valure stand on simpathie,
There is my gage Aumerle, in gage to thine;
By that faire Sunne which shews me where thou standst,
I heard thee say, and vauntingly thou spakst it,
That thou wert cause of noble Gloucesters death,
If thou deniest it twenty times, thou liest,
And I will turne thy falshoode to thy heart,
Where it was forged with my rapiers point.
Aum. Thou darst not (coward) liue to see that day.
Fitz. Now by my soule, I would it were this houre.
Aum. Fitzwaters, thou art damnd to hell for this.
L. Per. Aumerle, thou liest, his honour is as true
In this appeale as thou art all vniust,
And that thou art so, there I throwe my gage,
To prooue it on thee to the extreamest point
Of mortall breathing, ceaze it if thou darst.
Aum. And if I do not, may my hands rot off,
And neuer brandish more reuengefull steele
Ouer the glittering helmet of my foe.
Another L. I taske the earth to the like (forsworne Aumerle)
And spurre thee on with full as many lies
As it may be hollowed in thy treacherous eare
From sinne to sinne: there is my honors pawne
Ingage it to the triall if thou darest.
Aum. Who sets me else? by heauen Ile throwe at all,
I haue a thousand spirites in one breast.
To answer twenty thousand such as you.
Sur. My lord Fitzwater, I do remember well
The very time (Aumerle) and you did talke.
Fitz. Tis very true you were in presence then,

And

And you can witnes with me this is true.
Sur. As false, by heauen, as heauen it selfe is true.
Fitz. Surrie thou liest.
Sur. Dishonorable boy, that lie shall lie so heauie on my (sword,
That it shall render vengeance and reuenge,
Till thou the lie-giuer, and that lie do lie,
In earth as quiet as thy fathers scull.
In proofe whereof there is my honours pawne,
Ingage it to the triall if thou darst.
Fitz. How fondly doest thou spurre a forward horse?
If I dare eate, or drinke, or breathe, or liue,
I dare meet Surry in a wildernes,
And spit vpon him whilst I say, he lies,
And lies, and lies: there is bond of faith,
To tie thee to my strong correction:
As I intende to thriue in this new world,
Aumerle is guiltie of my true appeale.
Besides I heard the banished Norffolke say,
That thou Aumerle didst send two of thy men,
To execute the noble Duke at Callice.
Aum. Some honest Christian trust me with a gage,
That Norffolke lies, heere do I throwe downe this,
If he may be repeald to trie his honour.
Bull. These differences shall all rest vnder gage,
Till Norffolke be repeald, repeald he shall be,
And though mine enimie, restord againe
To all his landes and signiories: when he is returnd,
Against Aumerle we will inforce his triall.
Carl. That honourable day shall neuer be seene,
Manie a time hath banisht Norffolke fought,
For Iesu Christ in glorious Christian feild,
Streaming the ensigne of the Christian Crosse,
Against blacke Pagans, Turkes, and Saracens,
And toild with workes of warre, retird him selfe
To Italie, and there at Venice gaue
His bodie to that pleasant Countries earth,
And his pure soule vnto his Captaine Christ,
Vnder whose coulours he had fought so long.

Bull.

Bull. Why B. is Norffolke dead?
Carl. As ſurely as I liue my Lord.
Bull. Sweet peace conduct his ſweete ſoule to the boſome,
Of good olde Abraham: Lords Appellants,
Your differences ſhall all reſt vnder gage,
Till we aſsigne you to your daies of triall. *Enter Yorke.*
Yorke Great Duke of Lancaſter I come to thee,
From plume-pluckt Richard, who with willing ſoule,
Adopts the heire, and his high ſcepter yeeldes,
To the poſſeſsion of thy royall hand:
Aſcend his throne, deſcending now from him,
And long liue Henry fourth of that name.
Bull. In Gods name Ile aſcend the regall throne,
Car. Mary God forbid.
Worſt in this royall preſence may I ſpeake,
Yet beſt beſeeming me to ſpeake the truth,
Would God that any in this noble preſence,
Were enough noble to be vpright iudge
Of noble Richard. Then true nobleſſe would
Learne him forbearance from ſo foule a wrong,
What ſubiect can giue ſentence on his King:
And who ſits here that is not Richards ſubiect?
Theeues are not iudgd but they are by to heare,
Although apparant guilt be ſeene in them,
And ſhall the figure of Gods Maieſty,
His Captaine, ſteward, deputy, elect,
Annointed, crowned, planted, many yeares
Be iudgd by ſubiect and inferiour breath,
And he himſelfe not preſent? Oh forfend it God,
That in a Chriſtian climate ſoules refinde,
Should ſhew ſo heinous blacke obſceene a deed
I ſpeake to ſubiects and a ſubiect ſpeakes,
Stird vp by God thus boldly for his King,
My Lord of Hereford here whom you call King,
Is a foule traitour to proud Herefords King,
And if you crowne him let me propheſie,
The bloud of Engliſh ſhall manure the ground,
And future ages groane for this foule act,

Peace ſhall go ſleepe with turkes and infidels,
And in this ſeate of peace, tumultuous warres,
Shall kin with kin, and kinde with kind confound:
Diſorder, horror, feare, and mutiny,
Shall heere inhabit, and this land be cald,
The field of Golgotha and dead mens ſculs.
Oh if you raiſe this houſe againſt this houſe,
It will the wofulleſt diuiſion proue,
That euer fell vpon this curſed earth:
Preuent it, reſiſt it, let it not be ſo,
Leſt child, childs children, crie againſt you wo.
North. Well haue you argued ſir, and for your paines,
Of Capitall treaſon, we arreſt you heere:
My Lord of Weſtminſter, be it your charge,
To keepe him ſafely till his day of triall.
Bull. Let it be ſo, and loe on wedneſday next,
We ſolemnly proclaime our Coronation,
Lords be ready all. *Exeunt.*

Manent Weſt. Caleil, Aumerle.

Abbot. A wofull Pageant haue we heere beheld.
Car. The woe's to come, the children yet vnborne,
Shall feele this day as ſharp to them as thorne.
Aum. You holy Clergy men, is there no plot,
To ridde the realme of this pernitious blot?
Abbot. My Lo. before I freely ſpeake my mind heerein,
You ſhall not onely take the Sacrament,
To burie mine intents, but alſo to effect,
What euer I ſhall happen to deuiſe:
I ſee your browes are full of diſcontent,
Your harts of ſorrow, and your eies of teares:
Come home with me to ſupper, Ile lay a plot,
Shall ſhew vs all a merrie daie. *Exeunt.*

Enter the Queene with her attendants.

Quee. This way the King will come, this is the way,
To Iulius Cæſars ill erected Tower,
To wohſe flint boſome, my condemned Lord,
Is doomde a priſoner by proud Bullingbrooke.

Heere let vs rest, if this rebellious earth,
Haue any resting for her true Kings Queene. (*Enter Ric.*
But soft, but see, or rather doe not see,
My fairе Rose wither, yet looke vp, behold,
That you in pittie may dissolue to deaw,
And wash him fresh againe with true loue teares.
Ah thou the modle where olde Troy did stand!
Thou mappe of honour, thou King Richards tombe,
And not King Richards thou most beauteous Inne,
Why should hard fauourd greife be lodged in thee,
When triumph is become an alehouse guest?
Rich. Ioyne not with greife faire woman, doe not so,
To make my end too sudden, learne good soule,
To thinke our former state a happie dreame,
From which awakt the trueth of what we are
Shewes vs but this: I am sworne brother (sweet)
To grim necessitie, and he and I,
Will keepe a league till death. Hie thee to Fraunce,
And cloister thee in some religious house,
Our holy liues must win a new worlds crowne,
VVhich our prophane houres heere haue throwne downe.
Quee. what is my Richard both in shape and minde
Transformd and weakned? hath Bullingbrooke,
Deposde thine intellect? hath he been in thy hart?
The Lyon dying thrusteth foorth his pawe,
And woundes the earth if nothing else with rage,
To be ore-powr'd, and wilt thou pupill-like
Take the correction, mildly kisse the rod,
And fawne on Rage with base humilitie,
VVhich art a Lion and the king of beasts.
King. a King of beasts indeed, if aught but beasts,
I had been still a happie King of men.
Good (sometimes Queene) prepare thee hence for France,
Thinke I am dead, and that euen here thou takest
As from my death bed thy last liuing leaue;
In winters tedious nights sit by the fire,
with good old folkes, and let them tell the tales,
Of woefull ages long agoe betidde:

And

And ere thou bid good night to quite their griefes,
Tell thou the lamentable tale of me,
And send the hearers weeping to their beds:
For why, the senselesse brands will simpathize
The heauy accent of thy moouing tong,
And in compassion weepe the fire out,
And some wil mourne in ashes, some cole blacke,
For the deposing of a rightfull King. *Enter Northum.*
North. My Lord, the minde of Bullingbrooke is changde,
You must to Pomfret, not vnto the Tower.
And Madam, there is order tane for you,
With al swift speede you must away to France.
King Northumberland, thou ladder wherewithall
The mounting Bullingbrooke ascends my throne,
The time shall not be many houres of age
More than it is, ere foule sinne gathering head
Shall breake into corruption, thou shalt thinke,
Though he diuide the realme and giue thee halfe,
It is too little helping him to all.
He shall thinke that thou which knowest the way
To plant vnrightfull kings, wilt know againe,
Being nere so little vrgde another way,
To plucke him headlong from the vsurped throne.
The loue of wicked men conuerts to feare,
That feare to hate; and hate turnes one or both
To worthy daunger and deserued death.
North. My guilt be on my head, and there an end:
Take leaue and part, for you must part forthwith.
King Doubly diuorst (bad men) you violate
A two-fold marriage twixt my crowne and me,
And then betwixt me and my married wife.
Let me vnkisse the oathe twixt thee and me:
And yet not so, for with a kisse twas made.
Part vs Northumberland, I towardes the north,
Where shiuering cold and sickenesse pines the clime:
My wife to Fraunce, from whence set forth in pomp
She came adorned hither like sweete Maie,

Sent

Sent backe like Hollowmas or ſhortſt of day.
Queene And muſt we be diuided? muſt we part?
King I hand from hand(my loue) and heart from heart.
Queene Baniſh vs both,and ſend the King with me.
King That were ſome loue,but little pollicie.
Queene Then whither he goes, thither let me go.
King So two togither weeping make one woe,
Weepe thou for me in Fraunce, I for thee heere,
Better far off than neere be nere the neare,
Go count thy way with ſighes, I mine with groanes.
Queene So longeſt way ſhall haue the longeſt moanes.
King Twiſe for one ſtep Ile grone the way being ſhort
And peece the way out with a heauy heart.
Come come in wooing ſorrow lets be briefe,
Since wedding it,there is ſuch length in griefe;
One kiſſe ſhall ſtop our mouths, and dumbly part,
Thus giue I mine, and thus take I thy heart.
Queene Giue me mine owne againe,twere no good part
To take on me to keepe,and kill thy heart:
So now I haue mine owne againe, be gone,
That I may ſtriue to kill it with a groane.
King We make woe wanton with this fond delay,
Once more adue, the reſt let ſorrow ſay. *Exeunt.*

Enter Duke of Yorke and the Dutcheſſe.

Du. My Lord,you told me you would tell the reſt,
When weeping made you breake the ſtorie of
Of our two couſins comming into London.
Yorke Where did I leaue?
Du. At that ſad ſtop my Lord,
Where rude miſgouerned hands from windowes tops.
Threw duſt and rubbiſh on king Richards head.
Yorke Then (as I ſaid) the Duke great Bullingbrooke
Mounted vpon a hote and fierie ſteede,
Which his aſpiring rider ſeemd to know,
With ſlow,but ſtately paſe kept on his courſe.
Whilſt all tongues cried,God ſaue the Bullingbrooke,
You would haue thought the very windows ſpake:
So many greedy lookes of yong and old Through

Through caſements darted their deſiring eies
Vpon his viſage, and that all the walles
With painted imagery had ſaid at once,
Ieſu preſerue the welcome Bullingbrooke,
Whilſt he from the one ſide to the other turning
Bare-headed, lower than his prowd ſteedes necke
Beſpake them thus; I thanke you countrymen:
And thus ſtill doing,thus he paſſt along.
Du. Alac poore Richard,where rode he the whilſt?
Yorke As in a Theater the eies of men,
After a well-graced Actor leaues the ſtage,
Are idly bent on him that enters next,
Thinking his prattle to be tedious;
Euen ſo, or with much more contempt mens eies
Did ſcowle on gentle Ric. no man cried, God ſaue him,
No ioyfull tongue gaue him his welcome home,
But duſt was throwen vpon his ſacred head:
Which with ſuch gentle ſorrow he ſhooke off,
His face ſtill combating with teares and ſmiles,
The badges of his griefe and patience,
That had not God for ſome ſtrong purpoſe ſteeld
The hearts of men, they muſt perforce haue melted,
And Barbariſme it ſelfe haue pitied him:
But heauen hath a hand in theſe euents,
To whoſe high will we bound our calme contents.
To Bullingbrooke are we ſworne ſubiects now,
Whoſe ſtate and honour I for ay allow.
Du. Here comes my ſonne Aumerle.
Yorke Aumerle that was,
But that is loſt, for being Richards friend:
And Madam, you muſt call him Rutland now:
I am in parleament pledge for his truth
And laſting fealtie to the new made king.
Du. Welcome my ſonne, who are the violets now
That ſtrew the greene lap of the new come ſpring.
Au. Madam, I know not, nor I greatly care not,
God knowes I had as leife be none as one.

Yorke

Yorke Well, beare you wel in this new spring of time,
Lest you be cropt before you come to prime.
What newes from Oxford, do these iusts & triumphs hold?
Aum. For aught I know (my Lord) they do.
Yorke you will be there I know.
Aum. If God preuent not, I purpose so.
Yorke What seale is that that hangs without thy bosome?
yea, lookst thou pale? let me see the writing,
Aum. My Lord, tis nothing.
Yorke No matter then who see it,
I will be satisfied, let me see the writing.
Aum. I do beseech your grace to pardon me;
It is a matter of small consequence,
Which for some reasons I would not haue seene.
Yorke Which for some reasons sir I meane to see.
I feare I feare.
Du. What should you feare?
Tis nothing but some band that he is entred into
For gay apparell gainst the triumph day.
Yorke Bound to himselfe; what doth he with a bond
That he is bound to. Wife, thou art a foole:
Boy, let me see the writing.
Aum. I do beseech you pardon me, I may not shew it.
Yorke I will be satisfied, let me see it I say:
He pluckes it out of his bosome and reades it:
Yorke Treason, foule treason, villaine, traitor, slaue.
Du. What is the matter my lord?
Yorke Ho, who is within there? saddle my horse,
God for his mercy! what treachery is here?
Du. Why what is it my Lord?
Yorke Giue me my bootes I say, saddle my horse.
Now by mine honour, by my life, by my troth
I will appeach the villaine.
Du. What is the matter?
Yorke Peace foolish woman.
Du. I wil not peace, what is the matter Aumerle?
Au. Good mother be content, it is no more

Then my poore life must answere.
Du. Thy life answere?
yor. Bring me my bootes, I will vntothe King.
His man enters with his bootes.
Du. Strike him Aumerle, poore boy thou art amazd,
Hence vilaine neuer more come in my sight.
Yor. Giue me my bootes I say.
Du. Why Yorke what wilt thou doe?
Wilt thou not hide the trespasse of thine owne?
Haue we more sons? or are we like to haue?
Is not my teeming date drunke vp with time?
And wilt thou plucke my faire sonne from mine age?
And rob me of a happie mothers name.
Is he not like thee? is he not thine owne?
Yor. Thou fond mad woman,
Wilt thou conceale this darke conspiracie?
A doozen of them here haue tane the sacrament,
And interchaungeably set downe there hands,
To kill the king at Oxford.
Du. He shal be none, weele keepe him heere,
Then what is that to him?
Yor. Away fond woman, were he twentie times my sonne,
I would appeach him.
Du. Hadst thou groand for him as I haue done,
Thou wouldst bee more pittifull.
But nowe I knowe thy minde, thou doest suspect
That I haue been disloiall to thy bed,
And that he is a bastard, not thy sonne:
Sweete Yorke, sweete husband, be not of that mind,
He is as like thee as any man may be,
Not like to me, or a of my kinne,
And yet I loue him.
Yor. Make way vnruly woman. *Exit.*
Du. After Aumerle: mount thee vpon his horse,
Spur, post, and get before him to the King,
And beg thy pardon ere he do accuse thee,
Ile not be long behind, though I be old,

I doubt not but to ride as fast as Yorke,
An neuer will I rise vp from the ground,
Till Bullingbroke haue pardoned thee: away, be gone.

Enter the King with his nobles.

King H. Can no man tell me of my vnthriftie sonne?
Tis full three moneths since I did see him last,
If any plague hang ouer vs tis he:
I would to God my Lordes he might be found:
Inquire at London, mongst the Tauernes there,
For there (they say) he daylie doth frequent,
With vnrestrained loose companions,
Euen such (they say) as stand in narrow lanes,
And beate our watch, and rob our passengers,
Which he yong wanton and effeminate boy,
Takes on the point of honour to support so dissolute a crew.

H. Percie My Lord, some two dayes since I saw the prince,
And told him of those triumphes held at Oxford.

King. And what said the gallant?

Per. His answer was, he would vnto the stewes,
And from the commonst creature plucke a gloue,
And weare it as a fauour, and with that,
He would vnhorse the lustiest Challenger.

King H. As dissolute as desperat, yet through both,
I see some sparkes of better hope, which elder yeares,
May happily bring foorth. But who comes heere?

Enter Aumerle amazed.

Aum. Where is the King? (so wildly.

King H. What meanes our cosen, that he stares and looks

Aum. God saue your grace, I doe beseech your Maiestie,
To haue some conference with your grace alone.

King. Withdrawe your selues, and leaue vs here alone.
What is the matter with our cosen nowe?

Aum. For euer may my knees growe to the earth,
My tongue, cleaue to my roofe within my mouth,
Vnlesse a pardon ere I rise or speake.

King Intended, or committed, was this fault?
If on the first, how heynous ere it be,

To win thy after loue, I pardon thee.

Aum. Then giue me leaue that May turne the key,
That no man enter till my tale be done.

King. Haue thy desire.

The Duke of Yorke knokes at the doore and crieth.

Yor. My leige beware, looke to thy selfe,
Thou hast a Traitor in thy presence there.

King. Vilain Ile make thee safe. (feare

Aum. Stay thy reuengefull hand, thou hast no cause to

York. Open the dore, secure foole-hardie King,
Shall I for loue speake treason to thy face,
Open the dore, or I will breake it open.

King What is the matter vncle, speake, recouer breath,
Tell vs, how neare is daunger,
That wee may arme vs to encounter it?

Yor. Peruse this writting heere, and thou shalt know,
The treason that my haste forbids me shew.

Aum. remember as thou readst, thy promise past,
I do repent me, reade not my name there,
My hart is not confederate with my hand.

Yor. It was (vilaine) ere thy hand did set it downe.
I tore it from the traitors bosome (King,)
Feare, and not loue, begets his penitence:
Forget to pittie him, lest thy pittie proue,
A Serpent that will sting thee to the hart.

King. O heynous, strong, and bould conspiracy,
O loyall Father, of a treacherous Sonne,
Thou sheere immaculate and siluer Fountaine,
From whence this streame, through muddy passages,
Hath held his current, and defild himselfe.
Thy ouerflow of good, conuerts to bad:
And thy aboundant goodnes, shall excuse,
This deadly blot in thy digressing sonne.

Yor. So shall my vertue, be his vices baude,
And he shall spend mine honour, with his shame,
As thriftles sonnes, their scraping Fathers gold:
Mine honour liues when his dishonour dies,

Or my ſhamde life in his diſhonour lies,
Thou kilſt me in his life giuing him breath,
The traitor liues, the true man's put to death.
Du. What ho, my Liege, for Gods ſake let me in.
King H. What ſhril voice ſuppliant makes this eger crie?
Du. A woman, and thy aunt (great king) tis I,
Speake with me, pitie me, open the doore,
A beggar begs that neuer begd before.
King Our ſcene is altred from a ſerious thing,
And now changde to the Beggar and the King:
My dangerous couſin, let your mother in,
I know ſhe is come to pray for your foule ſinne.
Yorke If thou do pardon whoſoeuer pray,
More ſinnes for this forgiuenes proſper may:
This feſtred ioynt cut off, the reſt reſt ſound,
This let alone wil all the reſt confound.
Du. Oh king, beleeue not this hard-hearted man,
Loue louing not it ſelfe, none other can.
Yorke Thou frantike woman, what doſt thou make here?
Shall thy old dugs once more a traitor reare?
Du. Sweete Yorke be patient, heare me gentle Liege.
King H. Riſe vp good aunt.
Du. Not yet I thee beſeech,
For euer wil I walke vpon my knees,
And neuer ſee day that the happy ſees,
Till thou giue ioy, vntil thou bid me ioy,
By pardoning Rutland my tranſgreſsing boy.
Aum. Vnto my mothers prayers I bend my knee.
yorke Againſt them both my true ioynts bended be,
Ill maiſt thou thriue if thou graunt any grace.
Du. Pleades he in earneſt? looke vpon his face.
His eies do drop no teares, his prayers are in ieſt,
His words come from his mouth, ours from our breaſt,
He prayes but faintly, and would be denied,
We pray with heart and ſoule, and all beſide.
His weary ioynts would gladly riſe I know,
Our knees ſtill kneele till to the ground they grow,

His prayers are full of falſe hypocriſie,
Ours of true zeale and deepe integritie,
Our prayers do outpray his, then let them haue
That mercy which true prayer ought to haue.
yorke Good aunt ſtand vp.
Du. Nay, do not ſay, ſtand vp;
Say Pardon firſt, and afterwards, ſtand vp,
And if I were thy nurſe thy tong to teach,
Pardon ſhould be the firſt word of thy ſpeach:
I neuer longd to heare a word till now,
Say pardon King, let pitie teach thee how,
The word is ſhort, but not ſo ſhort as ſweete,
No word like pardon for Kings mouthes ſo meete.
yorke Speake it in French, King ſay, Pardonne moy.
Du. Doſt thou teach pardon pardon to deſtroy?
Ah my ſower husband, my hard-hearted Lord!
That ſets the word it ſelfe againſt the word:
Speake pardon as tis current in our land,
The chopping French we do not vnderſtand,
Thine eie begins to ſpeake, ſet thy tongue there:
Or in this piteous heart plant thou thine eare,
That hearing how our plaints and prayers do pierce,
Pitie may mooue thee pardon to rehearſe.
King H. Good aunt ſtand vp.
Du. I do not ſue to ſtand.
Pardon is all the ſute I haue in hand.
King I pardon him as God ſhall pardon me.
Du. Oh happy vantage of a kneeling knee,
Yet am I ſicke for feare, ſpeake it againe,
Twice ſaying pardon doth not pardon twaine,
But makes one pardon ſtrong.
King H. I pardon him with al my heart.
Du. A god on earth thou art.
King H. But for our truſty brother in law and the Abbot,
With all the reſt of that conſorted crew,
Deſtruction ſtrait ſhal dog them at the heeles.
Good vncle, help to order ſeuerall powers,

To Oxford, or where ere theſe traitors are,
They ſhall not liue within this world I ſweare,
But I will haue them if I once know where.
Vncle farewell, and couſin adue,
Your mother well hath prayed, and prooue you true.

Du. Come my olde ſonne, I pray God make thee new.

Exeunt. Manet ſir Pierce Exton, &c.

Exton Didſt thou not marke the K. what words he ſpake?
Haue I no friend will rid me of this liuing feare?
Was it not ſo?

Man Theſe were his very words.

Exton Haue I no friend quoth he? he ſpake it twice.
And vrgde it twice togither, did he not?

Man He did.

Exton And ſpeaking it, he wiſhtly lookt on me,
As who ſhould ſay, I would thou wert the man,
That would diuorce this terrour from my heart;
Meaning the king at Pomfret. Come lets go,
I am the kings friend, and will rid his foe.

Enter Richard alone.

Rich. I haue beene ſtudying how I may compare
This priſon where I liue, vnto the world:
And forbecauſe the world is populous,
And here is not a creature but my ſelfe,
I cannot do it: yet Ile hammer it out,
My braine Ile prooue, the female to my ſoule,
My ſoule the father, and theſe two beget
A generation of ſtill-breeding thoughts:
And theſe ſame thoughts people this little world,
In humors like the people of this world:
For no thought is contented: the better ſort,
As thoughts of things diuine are intermixt
With ſcruples, and do ſet the word it ſelfe
Againſt the word, as thus: Come little ones, & then againe
It is as hard to come, as for a Cammell
To threed the poſterne of a ſmall needles eie:
Thoughts tending to ambition they do plot,

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Vnlikely wonders: how theſe vaine weake nailes
May teare a paſſage thorow the flinty ribs
Of this hard world my ragged priſon walles:
And for they cannot die in their owne pride,
Thoughts tending to content flatter themſelues,
That they are not the firſt of fortunes ſlaues,
Nor ſhall not be the laſt like ſeely beggars,
Who ſitting in the ſtockes refuge their ſhame,
That many haue, and others muſt ſet there.
And in this thought they find a kind of eaſe,
Bearing their owne misfortunes on the backe
Of ſuch as haue before indurde the like.
Thus play I in one perſon many people,
And none contented; ſometimes am I King,
Then treaſons make me wiſh my ſelfe a beggar,
And ſo I am: then cruſhing penurie
Perſwades me I was better when a king,
Then am I kingd againe, and by and by,
Thinke that I am vnkingd by Bullingbrooke,
And ſtrait am nothing. But what ere I be,
Nor I, nor any man, that but man is,
With nothing ſhall be pleaſde, till he be eaſde,
With being nothing. Muſicke do I heare, *the muſike plaies*
Ha ha keepe time, how ſowre ſweete Muſicke is
When time is broke, and no proportion kept.
So is it in the muſike of mens liues:
And here haue I the daintineſſe of eare
To checke time broke in a diſordered ſtring:
But for the concord of my ſtate and time,
Had not an eare to heare my true time broke,
I waſted time, and now doth time waſte me:
For now hath time made me his numbring clocke;
My thoughts are minutes, and with ſighes they iarre,
My watches on vnto mine eyes the outward watch
Their watches on vnto mine eyes the outward watch
Whereto my finger like a dialles poynt,
Is pointing ſtill, in cleanſing them from teares.
Now ſir, the ſound that telles what houre it is,

Are

Are clamorous groanes which ſtrike vpon my hart,
Which is the bell, ſo ſighs, and teares, and grones,
Shew minutes, times, and houres: but my time,
Runnes poſting on in Bullingbrokes proud ioye,
While I ſtand fooling heere his iacke of the clocke.
This muſicke maddes me, let it ſound no more,
For though it haue holp mad men to their witts,
In me it ſeemes it will make wiſe men mad:
Yet bleſſing on his hart that giues it me,
For tis a ſigne of loue: and loue to Richard,
Is a ſtrange brooch in this al-hating world.

Enter a groome of the ſtable.

Groome. Haile roiall Prince.
Rich. Thankes noble peare:
The cheapeſt of vs is ten grotes too deare.
What art thou, and how comeſt thou hither,
Where no man neuer comes, but that ſad dog,
That brings me foode to make miſſortune liue.
Groome. I was a poore groome of thy ſtable King,
When thou wert King: who trauailling towards Yorke,
With much adoe (at length) haue gotten leaue,
To looke vpon my ſometimes roiall maiſters face:
Oh how it ernd my hart when I beheld,
In London ſtreetes, that Corronation day,
When Bullingbroke rode on Roane Barbarie,
That horſe, that thou ſo often haſt beſtride,
That horſe, that I ſo carefully haue dreſt.
Rich. Rode he on Barbarie, tell me gentle freind,
How went he vnder him?
Groom. So proudly as if he diſdaind the ground.
Ric. So proud that Bullingbroke was on his backe:
That Iade hath eate bread from my royall hand,
This hand hath made him proud with clapping him:
Would he not ſtumble, would he not fall downe
Since pride muſt haue a fal, and breake the necke,
Of that prond man, that did vſurpe his backe?
Forgiuenes horſe why do I raile on thee?

Since

Since thou created to be awed by man,
Waſt borne to beare; I was not made a horſe,
And yet I beare a burthen like an aſſe,
Spurrde, galld, and tirde by iauncing Bullingbrooke.

Enter one to Richard with meate.

Keeper Fellow, giue place, heere is no longer ſtay.
Rich. If thou loue me, tis time thou wert away.
Groome What my tong dares not, that my heart ſhal ſay.

Exit Groome.

Keeper My Lord, wilt pleaſe you to fall to?
Rich. Taſte of it firſt as thou art wont to do.
Keeper My Lord I dare not, ſir Pierce of Exton,
Who lately came from the King commaunds the contrary.
Rich. The diuell take Henry of Lancaſter, and thee,
Patience is ſtale, and I am wearie of it.
Keeper Help, help, help.

The murderers ruſh in.

Rich. How now, what meanes Death in this rude aſſault?
Villaine, thy owne hand yeelds thy deaths inſtrument.
Go thou and fill another roome in hell.

Here Exton ſtrikes him downe.

Rich. That hand ſhall burne in neuer quenching fire,
That ſtaggers thus my perſon: Exton, thy fierce hand
Hath with the kings bloud ſtaind the kings owne land.
Mount mount my ſoule, thy ſeate is vp on high,
Whilſt my groſſe fleſh ſinckes downeward here to die.
Exton As full of valure as of royall bloud:
Both haue I ſpilld. Oh would the deede were good!
For now the diuell that told me I did well,
Saies that this deede is chronicled in hell:
This dead king to the liuing king Ile beare.
Take hence the reſt, and giue them buriall heere.

Enter Bullingbrooke with the duke of Yorke.

King Kind vncle Yorke, the lateſt newes we heare,
Is that the rebels haue conſumed with fire

K Our

Our towne of Ciceter in Glouceſterſhire,
But whether they be tane or ſlaine we heare not.

Enter Northumberland.

Welcome my Lord, what is the newes?

North. Firſt to thy ſacred ſtate wiſh I all happineſſe,
The next newes is, I haue to London ſent
The heades of Oxford, Salisbury, Blunt and Kent,
The maner of their taking may appeare
At large diſcourſed in this paper heere.

King We thanke thee gentle Percie for thy paines,
And to thy woorth will adde right worthy gaines.

Enter Lord Fitzwaters.

Fitz. My Lord, I haue from Oxford ſent to London
The heads of Broccas, and ſir Benet Seely,
Two of the daungerous conſorted traitors,
That ſought at Oxford thy dire ouerthrow.

king Thy paines Fitz. ſhall not be forgot,
Right noble is thy merit well I wot.

Enter H. Percie.

Percie The grand conſpirator Abbot of Weſtminſter
With clog of conſcience and ſowre melancholy
Hath yeelded vp his body to the graue.
But here is Carleil liuing, to abide
Thy kingly doome, and ſentence of his pride.

king Carleil, this is your doome;
Chooſe out ſome ſecret place, ſome reuerent roome
More than thou haſt, and with it ioy thy life:
So as thou liu'ſt in peace, die free from ſtrife,
For though mine enemy thou haſt euer beene,
High ſparkes of honour in thee haue I ſeene.

Enter Exton with the coffin.

Exton Great King, within this coffin I preſent
Thy buried feare: herein all breathleſſe lies
The mightieſt of thy greateſt enemies,
Richard of Burdeaux, by me hither brought.

king Exton, I thanke thee not, for thou haſt wrought

A deed of ſlaunder with thy fatall hand,
Vpon my head and all this famous Land.

Exton. From your owne mouth my Lo. did I this deed.

King. They loue not poiſon that do poiſon neede,
Nor do I thee; though I did wiſh him dead,
I hate the murtherer, loue him murthered:
The guilt of conſcience take thou for thy labor,
But neither my good word, nor Princely fauour;
With Cayne go wander through ſhades of night,
And neuer ſhew thy head by day nor light.
Lordes, I proteſt my ſoule is full of woe,
That bloud ſhould ſprincle me to make me grow:
Come mourne with me, for what I do lament,
And put on ſulleyn blacke incontinent.
Ile make a voiage to the holly lande,
To waſh this bloud off from my guiltie hand:
March ſadly after, grace my mournings heere,
In weeping after this vntimely Beere.

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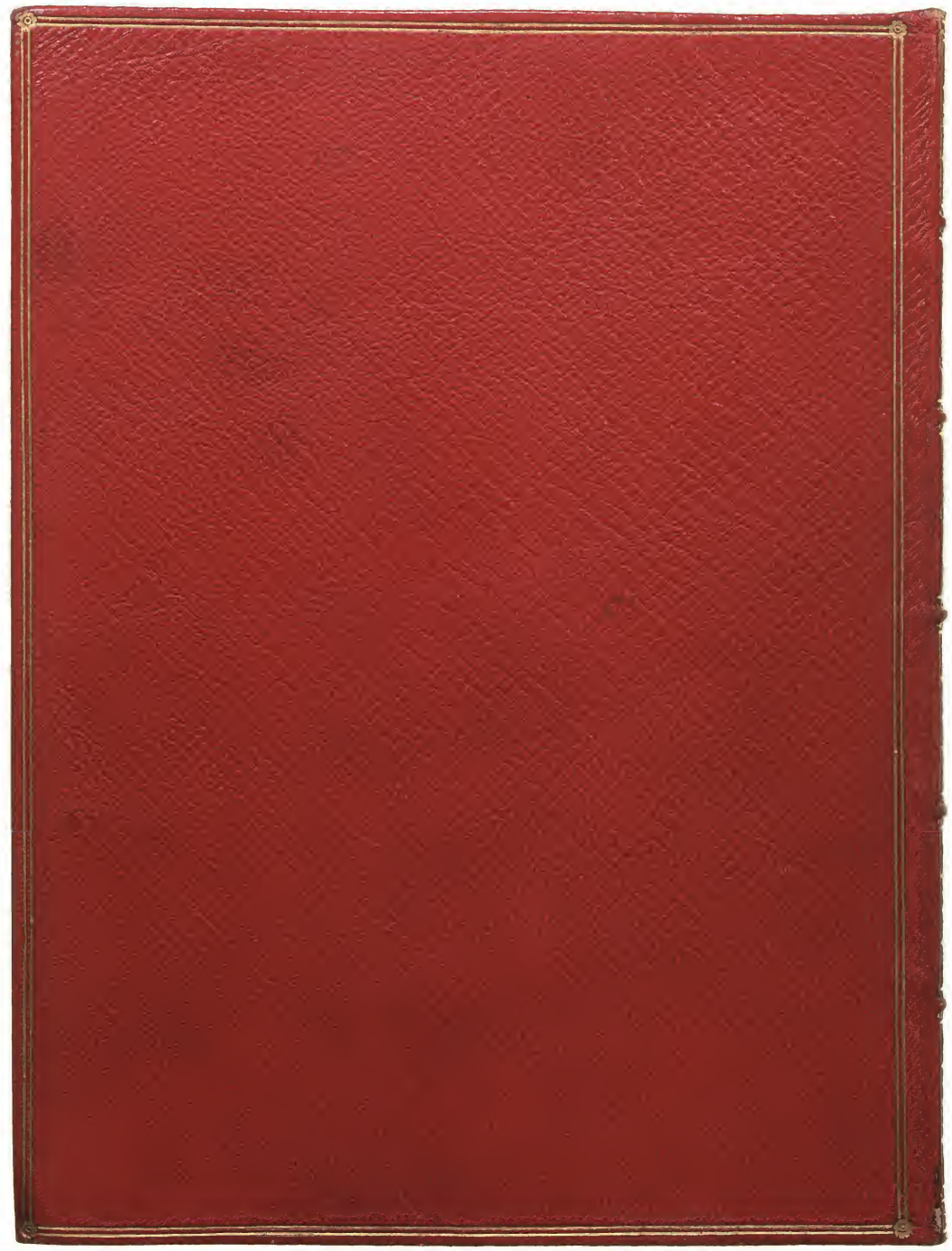

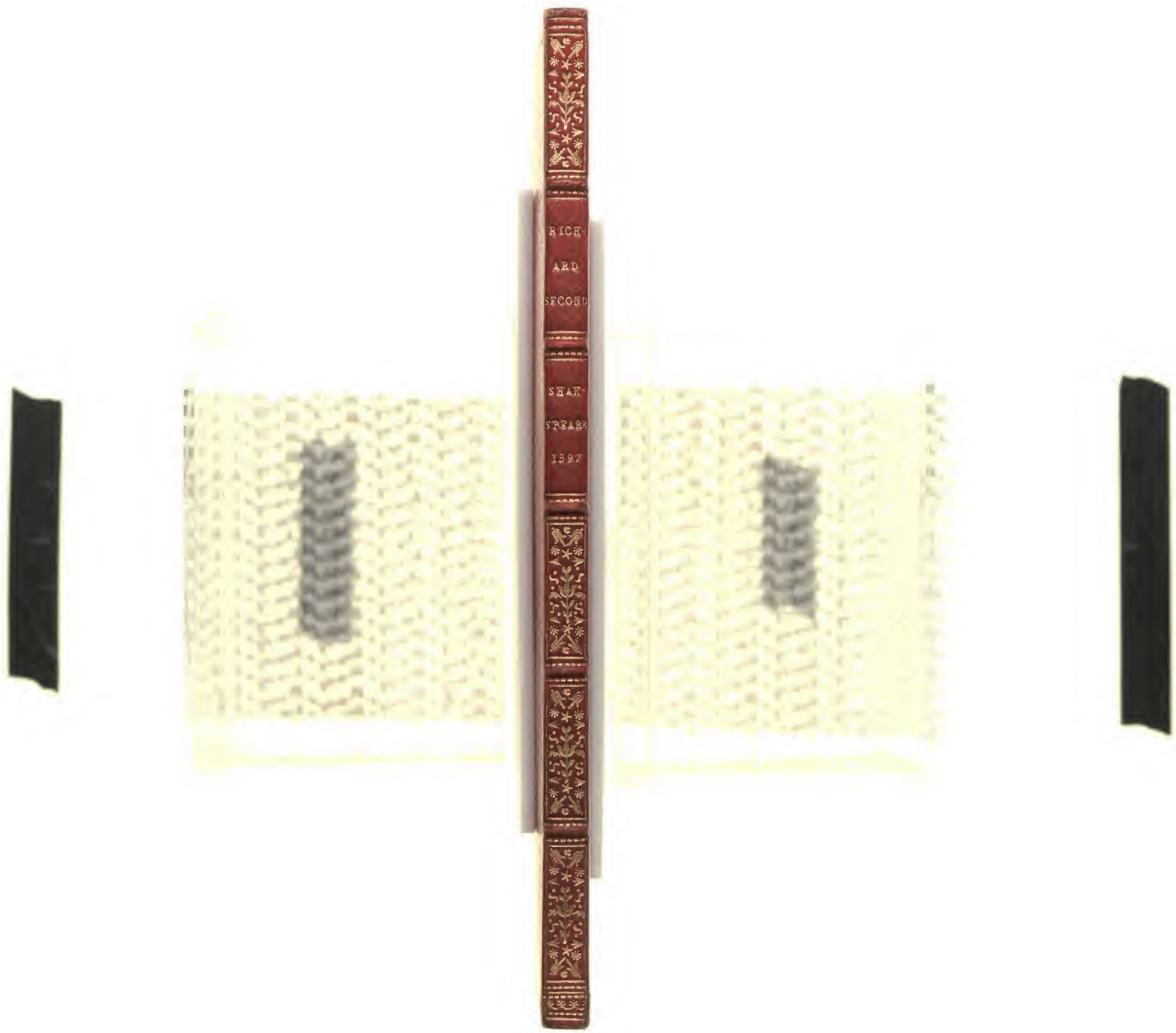
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